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Pollard spy debacle worrying Israelis

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli leaders and Knesset members across the political spectrum agreed that U.S.-Israel relations were seriously damaged by the case of Jonathan Pollard, who was sentence to life imprisonment by a federal court in Washington for spying for Israel.

Pollard's wife, Anne Henderson-Pollard, was sentenced to five years as an accessory.

While there was some sympathy here for the tragic couple, the overriding consensus is that Israel has painful lessons to learn from the episode and that it must punish those involved with Pollard in what the government claimed from the outset was a "rogue operation."

Pollard's wife yelled "no, no" when her husband's sentence was pronounced. When she was sentenced, she collapsed, screaming. She could be heard screaming after being taken from the courtroom.

U.S. Attorney Joseph diGenova indicated that neither one of the Pollards had a chance for parole and would have to serve their full sentences.

Robinson sentenced the two Pollards after three hours of testimony in which husband and wife pleaded for mercy for each other and expressed their love for each other.

"I pray to God every day that I'll be reunited with my husband," Anne Pollard said. "That's all I live for."

Richard Hibey, Pollard's lawyer, argued that while there was "no excuse" for what Pollard did there was "no intent" to harm the U.S. and there was no damage done to the U.S. He said the information provided Israel was not given to an enemy of the U.S. but to a country that, "except for England and Canada, is our closest ally."

But Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles Leeper argued that the informatioon did damage the U.S., as Defence Secretary Casper Weinberger noted in classified information presented to the court.

He said Pollard was a "very dangerous man" and if not given a long sentence could still provide classified information from his memory.

Pollard told Robinson that while he now knew he was wrong to break the law, "I was not intending to hurt the United States, but to help an ally. What I did may benefit this country in the long run."

In newspaper interviews, Pollard said he acted because he found that the U.S. was not providing Israel with information about arms going to its Arab neighbors and endangering the existence of the Jewish state.

But he said he now realized he should have taken his concerns up though the channels of the Navy and as far as the President rather than commit an illegal act.

Pollard said that he not only broke his trust as a government employee, but an even more important trust — to his wife. "Unfortunately, I sacrificed her, inadvertently . . . on the altar of political ideology," he said.

Both Pollards stressed that, although Mrs. Pollard knew what her husband was doing, she had not participated in his espionage activities.

Both Pollards stressed that they were sorry that their activities has caused harm to U.S.-Israel rela-

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New law to allow prosecution

Australia to act on Nazis

By
VIC ALHADEFF

SYDNEY, Australia — Australia is to amend its War Crimes Act of 1945 to enable prosecution of war criminals in this country.

A special investigation unit is to be established within the attorney-general's department to investigate war crimes allegations.

Australian Attorney-General Lionel Bowen made the announcement in the Federal Parliament in Canberra last week. It came in the wake of the tabling in parliament last year of the Menzies Report, which revealed that more than 70 alleged Nazi war criminals are living in Australia.

Bowen said action would be taken against individuals only if the charges were fully backed up by incontrovertible evidence, and if they had been involved in "serious crimes." Mere collaboration would not warrant legal action, he said.

"The government will ensure that investigations are conducted with seriousness and dispatch, and that within the normal standards of our criminal justice system, suspected war criminals will be brought to trial," he said.

He stressed that the Australian government "shared the abhorrence" of all civilized nations at the crimes committed in World War II.

The attorney-general has absolute discretion with regard to the deportation of people from Australia. Bowen said that if any country requested the extradition of a suspected war criminal, this would be dealt with in the normal manner.

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LONDON (JTA) — Home Secretary Douglas Hurd has refused to authorize a police inquiry into alleged Nazi war criminals living in Britain on grounds that the evidence presented is "too sketchy" and the alleged crimes were committed outside British jurisdiction.

Hurd made his position clear at a press conference last week after receiving a delegation from the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center. The center had earlier sent his department a list of 17 Latvians, Ukrainians and White Russians said to have collaborated with the Nazis in mass murders and other atrocities during World War II and to have settled in Britain after the war.

Hurd denied that Britain ever gave safe haven to war criminals. "I believe we are acting reasonably and sensibly in the situation," he said. He told the press conference, which was attended by leaders of British Jewry, that he had asked the Wiesenthal Center delegation to "deepen" the evidence in the document sent to him. But they were not able to do so, Hurd said.

He insisted there were no grounds for prosecution. And extradition, especially to the Soviet Union from whose territories most of the accused originate, is out of the question, the home secretary declared.

Strong Labor lead seen in new poll

TEL AVIV (JTA) — **A public opinion poll published recently shows that a substantial majority of Israelis oppose early elections, but if they were to be held, the Labor Party would clearly defeat Likud.**

The poll, conducted by the Dahaf Institute, found a 63-35% majority favors continuation of the unity coalition government. Two percent had no opinion.

In the event of early elections, however, Labor would win 47 Knesset mandates compared to the 40 it presently holds. Likud would win 36 seats, compared to its current 41.

The right-wing Tehiya Party would win six Knesset seats, one more than it has in the present Knesset, and the leftist Citizen Rights Movement (CRM) would increase from four to five seats.

The religious bloc would remain unchanged. The five Orthodox parties have a combined total of 13 seats in the 120-member Knesset.

Rancor growing over parley issue

By
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JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Knesset opened debate last week on an international conference for Middle East peace. The session, marked by an angry exchange between Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Likud MK Ronnie Milo, a close aide to Premier Yitzhak Shamir, underlined the growing rancor between Labor and Likud over the issue.

The possibility of a coalition crisis was heightened when Shamir warned that if "other parties" persisted in advocating an international conference, it could lead to the downfall of the Labor-Likud unity government. Sources at the Prime Minister's Office quoted Shamir as saying that such a forum was "the stupidest idea" ever promoted in Israeli foreign policy.

Peres, who returned from meetings with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt in Cairo recently with an agreement by both countries to advance an international conference, appeared in the Knesset to address two opposition motions on the subject. One, by the Citizens Rights Movement (CRM), supported a conference, while the other, by

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AIDING THE BLIND

Zevulun Hammer (left), Israel's minister of religious affairs, is seen with blind student at Boys Town Jerusalem who demonstrates how he "reads" data from a computer. The school's College of Applied Engineering has developed a microprocessor which makes this possible.

Ukrainians raise funds to defend Demjanjuk

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — About $120,000 has been raised by members of Canada's Ukrainian community to help the family of John Demjanjuk meet the accused war criminal's legal costs, said a spokesman for an organization soliciting funds.

Petro Jacyk, vice-president of the Toronto-based Canadian Charitable Committee in Aid of John Demjanjuk's Family, said the ad hoc fund raising group has solicited contributions from Metro's 85,000-strong Ukrainian community as well as others across the country to help defray about $900,000 in legal bills faced by Demjanjuk's family.

About $160,000 of that is going to pay the fee of Demjanjuk's Israeli lawyer, who is assisting American lawyer Mark O'Connor handle the defence.

Jacyk said he has received contributions from churches and social service organizations, donations to some of which are tax deductible.

According to John Gregorovich, chairman of the Civil Liberties Commission of the Ukrainian Canadian Committee, the fund raising group is not formally affiliated with the UCC. The UCC "supports" it and "recognizes it as being a legitimate committee," Gregorovich said. He said the UCC does not contend that Demjanjuk is necessarily innocent, although that is the position adopted by Jacyk.

"Any person charged with a crime is entitled to a proper defence," Gregorovich said in explaining the UCC's position. "Here, there is controversy if this person is a war criminal."

Demjanjuk, a retired Cleveland auto worker, is accused of being Ivan the Terrible, a brutal guard at the Treblinka death camp responsible in part with running the machinery that operated the camp's gas chambers. Demjanjuk claims he is not Ivan the Terrible but rather the victim of a case of mistaken identity.

Gregorovich, who expressed faith in Israeli legal system to render a just verdict, said some in the Ukrainian community doubt whether Demjanjuk is guilty. Referring to Ivan's identity card provided by the Soviet Union, Gregorovich said "There is a general agreement that the kind of evidence used against him is certainly part of a campaign to discredit Ukrainian refugees.

"The community as a whole feels he may very well be innocent," Gregorovich said, adding there is a chance Demjanjuk is guilty.

If he is guilty of war crimes, how would local people react to the realization they aided a brutal war criminal? "There could be second guessing," Gregorovich conceded.

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World-National

Quick fix refugee rules not the way

By
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In 1985, Rabbi Plaut prepared a report on refugees for the Canadian government.

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All Canadians, but Jews especially, should be concerned about the new refugee rules instituted by the Canadian government. There are enough oldtimers in our community who remember what happened when we were waiting at borders, consulates and embassies trying to find a place to which to flee. It was desperate business for us, and the fact that this time around it isn't our people who do the searching and the fleeing does not change the principle of it. We Jews like to call ourselves "merciful children of the All-Merciful." This is a time to prove it.

Rabbi Plaut

Briefly, the new measures:

Restricts flow

1. Abolish the so-called B-1 category (formerly, we announced that we would not return anyone to a country beset by civil strife, but now this practice lapses);

2. Require the possession of transit visas from most travelers who would need visas if their travel calls for a stopover in Canada;

3. Empower our U.S. border officials to turn refugee claimants (especially Central Americans) back to the U.S. if no adjudicator is available to process their claim. They will have to wait outside of Canada for a hearing sometime in the future.

What will these new policies achieve? They will indeed restrict and to some degree control the flow of refugees to our country. (That they will also help Americans discover illegal aliens in their midst adds a further dimension.)

However, this newly achieved efficacy comes at a price. We have instituted measures which are effective practically, and defective morally. We have signalled a return to former practice which made Canada all too often inaccessible to those most in need of succor.

Moral scrutiny

Why? Because we are swamped with Third World arrivals? Statistics tell us the opposite. We haven't even filled our immigration and refugee levels for last year.

And if people say that with high unemployment we can't afford more people, they fly in the face of the best demographic advice. A stagnating population will shrink our economic base, while more people will mean higher prosperity for all of us. This is the point where self-interest and ethical demands coincide.

If the government would assume moral leadership in this matter and adopt new legislation streamlining our refugee determination process in an open rather than restrictive manner, most of our problems would be solved. Enough voluntary agencies are at hand to provide a generous welcome to special groups of refugees, as we did with the boat people.

Of course, abuses will occur, for no human system has yet been invented that is immune to them. But signalling to the world that we are sick and tired of refugees is not the way.

Yet this is precisely what we have done. Shutting our borders may be a quick fix, but it produces no long-range policy that can stand moral scrutiny. Jews must share their sense of compassion and concern with the rest of the Canadian people.

"Highest levels" approved

No "rogue" operation, says Pollard

By
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WASHINGTON — Confessed Israeli spy Jonathan Jay Pollard has insisted that his espionage activities in the United States were authorized by the highest officials in the Israeli government. He and his wife Anne were sentenced for espionage activities last week.

In a 61-page document submitted on Feb. 27 to the U.S. District Court in Washington, Pollard rejected Israel's repeated assertions that he was part of a "rogue" or unauthorized intelligence-gathering operation.

"Perhaps sometime in the future a more politically secure Israeli government will be able to set the record straight with the U.S. department of justice, but until that day arrives it will be more expedient for Israel's fractured leadership to stonewall and deny any official involvement with my activities," he said.

The former civilian intelligence analyst in the U.S. Navy said there had been three occasions when "I was told that the highest levels of the Israeli government had purportedly extended their collective thanks for assistance I had provided the state."

Their lawyer filed lengthy pre-sentencing documents with the court, appealing to Judge Aubrey Robinson for compassion and leniency. Both defendants said they were motivated by their love of Israel, denying that they became involved in helping Israel strictly for money.

In their statements, they provided fresh details of their activities. Pollard's personal statement had been cleard for release by the U.S. intelligence community, although several sections containing highly classified information were deleted in the publicly-released document and submitted only "in camera" to the judge.

As he has been during two interviews with me in recent weeks, Pollard was especially bitter over what he regarded as his abandonment by the Israeli government. He insisted that "a cabinet level decision had to have been made, with the concurrence of the general staff, that the gains associated with my activities far outweighed any potential risks that might result if I were compromised."

He said the Israeli government "acted predictably by attempting to limit the damage to itself by retreating behind a plausible denial screen in which the scandal was purportedly precipitated by a group of renegade intelligence officers acting without authorization."

But in rejecting this denial, Pollard said that "the number and type of Israelis who were associated with this affair suggest a high degree of government awareness if not intimate supervision of their behavior." He said that it was "beyond reason" to believe that his operation was unauthorized.

"Furthermore," he continued, "if one takes into account both the quality and highly specialized performance expertise of the personnel who were involved in this affair, it seems unlikely that their collaboration could have been the product of random selection: a near famous ex-Mossad assistant chief of operations, then assigned as a special adviser to the Prime Minister; a highly decorated member of the air force; two science attaches; and a leading international arms broker do not coalesce out of thin air."

Throughout his statement, Pollard strongly differentiated between what he described as the "ugly" behavior of Rafael Eitan, his chief "handler" in the espionage ring, and that of Air Force Brigadier-General Aviem Sella and former New York science counselor Yosef Yagur, both of whom were depicted as more "moral" and "responsible."

The other science attache mentioned in his document is Ilan Ravid, who fled Washington immediately after Pollard was first picked up by the FBI for questioning in November 1985. The arms dealer in question has been identified in curt documents only as "Uzi." Pollard, who described "Uzi" and his role in considerable detail to U.S. investigators, was never told his full name.

"I don't know whether anyone in the Israeli leadership was aware of the fact that Eitan had unsuccessfully attempted to have me collect political blackmail on members of the cabinet but, assuming someone did, there would have been an incentive to publicly discredit both him as well as myself before he had a chance to leak such inflammatory information," he said.

Pollard said that he had also rejected other requests from Eitan to provide information about the U.S. government's super-secret electronic and reconnaissance intelligence-gathering operations in Israel. He said that Sella and Yagur made it clear that he was not supposed to provide material which would "put my loyalty to this country [the U.S.] in question."

Pollard mantained that by providing Israel with information about Arab and Soviet threats, he was not undermining U.S. interests — indeed, he argued that he was actually strengthening the U.S. because its major ally in the Middle East was becoming more secure.

"This point was repeatedly stressed by all the Israelis with whom I was associated except Rafi Eitan, who did press me for information pertaining to the activity of the National Security Agency in Israel and the names of all the Israelis who were providing classified material to the United States," Pollard said. "I never provided this type of information and was later told by my chief handler, Yosef Yagur, that the material Eitan wanted was totally off-limits, outside the scope of the operation, and if provided would be grounds for immediately terminating our relationship."

Pollard confirmed that he had provided Israel with U.S. intelligence information which helped Israeli pilots bomb the PLO's headquarters in Tunisia in October 1985 — just weeks before he was arrested outside the Israeli embassy in Washington after failing to obtain political asylum there.

After that raid, he said, both Yagur and Sella "stressed the fact that the mission could not have been undertaken without the information I made available to the staff preparing the operations." He quoted the Israeli operatives as saying that Israel's dependence on a "special source" was mentioned "at the pre-strike presentation made before the cabinet."

Pollard went on to note that he was "routinely provided with finished technical assessments of the material which had been passed to the Israelis. The turn-around time for these assessments was very quick and when I inquired how this was accomplished, I was told that a special team of analysts had been established in Israel just for the purposes of evaluating the operational applicability of all the new information collected."

He said that most of the information came from satellite photography and signal intelligence studies. He said that Israeli experts were aware that this information was not coming from "official channels."

He said that he was never told how large the group of experts analyzing his information was, but added that "it had to have been rather well staffed with extremely competent scientists in light of the volume and diversity of the material I collected."

He said that he had been "congratulated" by Yagur after "an Israeli drone, or unmanned reconnaissance aircraft, had been able to successfully negotiate its way through the entire Syrian air defense system in 1985." This was possible, according to the Israeli Air Force, because of the material Pollard provided.

The rich criminals commit crimes with more digits

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

BOSTON — When it became known on The Street that Martin Siegel had pleaded guilty to selling insider information, one of his bewildered friends said to a reporter, "He didn't need the money." It was, by all normal accounting systems, a classic understatement.

In 1985, Siegel legitimately earned $1.7 million. In the past few months, he was able to scrounge up $9 million as part of his deal with government prosecutors. At 38 years old, he had a Connecticut estate, a million-dollar condominium in Manhattan, a family and a reputation as the best and the brightest of the new breed.

Yet on a number of occasions, this articulate, educated, "secretary of defence" in the takeover world, stood in a public place in New York City waiting for a courier like an ordinary drug dealer. He gave the password and got the cash. Eventually, before his anxiety or his conscience got a grip on him, Siegel had taken more than $700,000 in cash from the godfather of this story, Ivan Boesky.

Why did he do it? This is what intrigues people about the latest star of the Wall Street scandal. Why does anyone who is already rich risk it all for a bit more? Even those who can't spell "arbitrageur," those who can't explain the inner workings of a takeover, reach for an explanation of the inner workings of the psyche.

The question will be asked again before this story is over. The public curiosity about the lives of the rich pales beside our curiosity about the crimes of the rich. The profiles of Boesky pointed to an insatiable egomaniac. But the stories about Siegel are much more ambiguous. Words like handsome, self-confident, creative, are attached to his name. So are words like compulsive and insecure.

In the retrospective psychoanalysis we favor, it is said that the mid-life bankruptcy of the father left this son with a permanent, unquenchable fear about his own financial future. He dipped into his suitcase of cash for spending money to avoid dipping into his capital. He apparently rationalized it by calling the payoff his "consulting fee."

If you prefer group analysis, then we are told that Siegel lived in the rarefied and immunized world of Wall Street deal-makers. Vast amounts of money rode on the sort of knowledge Siegel specialized in. Stocks rose and fell on news of a takeover. Information was the admission card to play the game with the big boys. It was too seductive finally for him, and for the others, to hold the admission card and not play.

But the analysis of parents or peers doesn't respond fully to his bewildered friend's comment: "He didn't need the money." The suggestion in this querulous remark is that money, enough money, protects people from temptation. In the bewilderment at the crimes of the rich, there lurks the belief that money should provide a buffer against the desire for money.

It doesn't always work that way. For some people, the sense of need always stays ahead of their balance sheet. There is no "enough," especially in a business where money is the product. There are people we all know who start out wanting "enough" to pay their bills, and having gained that, enough to pay for college, and then a second house, a vacation. Having acquired all that, they want enough money to live the same way without working, and then enough for their children to live that way.

People who begin comparing themselves to the Joneses may end up comparing themselves to the Trumps. They go on wanting money. It is said that Siegel, whose own home was described as a Gatsby estate, was awed in turn by the Boesky estate. What is a few million dollars compared to $33 million?

The new breed of deal-makers, a friend tells me, operates with the morals of the limo crowd. Siegel went one better: He commuted by helicopter, above the crowd. He must have also assumed he could hover above the law.

This is not, mind you, some Greek tragedy. Although we are intrigued by the distance of the fall, Wall Street is hardly the turf of the gods. If the rich are different from the rest of us, it's because they commit crimes with more digits.

Why did he do it? Why does someone who is rich risk everything for a little more? They do it for the money. In following these Wall Street stories, I am reminded of what Emerson wrote: "There are three wants which can never be satisfied; that of the rich wanting more, that of the sick wanting something different, and that of the traveler who says, 'Anywhere but here.' "

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Says presidency opened way for more leadership by women

Bloomfield to hand over CZF reins to Azrieli

By
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MONTREAL —

Under the terms of an agreement signed three years ago, Neri Bloomfield will step down as president of the Canadian Zionist Federation this month, to be succeeded by David Azrieli.

Bloomfield and Azrieli were "slightly ahead of their time" when they decided to rotate the presidency rather than run against each other in the spring of 1984 — about six months before Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Shamir hit on a similar idea.

The transition of power will take place March 22 at a meeting of the CZF executive committee in Toronto. A tribute luncheon for Bloomfield will be held at that time at the Sheraton Centre. At her request, it will be a low-key affair. "I don't go in for a lot of fanfare," she said.

Bloomfield will become an honorary president, while Clara Balinsky, a past president like Bloomfield of the Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada, will move into the no. 2 position of chairman of the executive board. Bloomfield believes her presidency as opened the way for more leadership by women within the CZF.

To be more precise, what Bloomfield agreed to in 1984 was to not run a second term, she said. The CZF, however, has no written constitution. Presidential terms have generally been counted by the periods between CZF conventions, normally held about every four years

"Hands on" approach

Bloomfield, who was very much a "hands on" president, said she will continue to oversee the CZF's educational projects, in which she has taken a personal interest over the years.

During her term, a number of these programs have been consolidated and expanded, among them subsidized in-service training in Israel for teachers, both Jewish and non-Jewish, and scholarships for students who wish to study in Israel.

She is pleased that during her three years, Canada continued to send one of the proportionally highest numbers of youths to Israel. Even last summer, when the fear of terrorism adversely affected tourism, about 850 young Canadian Jewish people took part in CZF Israel programs.

"Past presidents of the CZF have tended to disappear once their terms are over...I intend to be as active as the new leadership will allow me," Bloomfield said in an interview.

She considers her greatest accomplishment during her term to have been gaining recognition for the CZF as "the address" for Israel-related activity and information on Israel in Canada. This recognition has come from the national Jewish organizations, such as Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith, as well as the Israeli embassy, and the result has been more cooperation and a lessening of duplication of activities in areas that concern Israel, she said.

"If every organization stuck to its terms of reference, the Jewish community would be more at peace and more effective," Bloomfield said.

By the same token, the CZF has dropped some programs, for example, its Soviet Jewry department, which were already being handled adequately by other organizations.

Another important achievement, Bloomfield believes, has been fostering harmony among the 15 politically diverse Zionist groups that are constituents of the CZF. "They now accept the CZF as the senior umbrella organization of the Zionist family.

"The CZF is the voice of Canadian Zionists, transcending party differences and sharing a common purpose. The CZF umbrella brings together these respected, independent links in an affiliation that embodies a singular vision of a strong and vibrant Jewish life in Canada and the crucial role of Israel."

Neri Bloomfield

Established in 1967, the CZF has a membership of more than 45,000 across Canada and is the official representative of the World Zionist Organization in Canada.

Bloomfield noted that she took over the helm of the CZF at a difficult period in its history. Its executive vice-president, Leon Kronitz, was ill and passed away in November, 1985. For a time, Bloomfield served as the de facto director until current executive director Rabbi Meyer Krentzman was hired. Throughout her term, Bloomfield continued to show up at her office in the CZF headquarters on Greene Ave. an average of four days a week.

"I am lucky to have had a good staff and fabulous shlichim. They are the people who should be getting some credit." Shlichim in Canada, the emissaries of the WZO, are now more evenly distributed across Canada, thus benefitting the smaller communities, as a result of changes instituted in the past couple of years, Bloomfield noted.

The highlight of her presidency has been the David Ben-Gurion Centennial celebration and she will continue to serve as chairman of this program until its conclusion this September. During this Yom Ha'atzmaut, a video on the life of Ben-Gurion, offering a Canadian perspective, will be distributed to every Jewish community in Canada.

This video has been made possible with a grant from the Allan and Lucy Bronfman Foundation. It will eventually be donated to the Ben-Gurion archives in Sde Boker, Israel.

"I leave behind a healthy, growing organization. That's is what I have worked for," said Bloomfield.

Peres expresses regret over Ottawa's action

By
PAUL LUNGEN

OTTAWA —

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said last week he regrets the decision of the Canadian government not to accept the accreditation as military attache of an Israeli general reprimanded for not preventing the massacre of Palestinians in Lebanon in 1982.

"He was properly selected and that's it," said Peres. "I regret the decision of the Canadian government."

Denys Tessier, a spokesman for external affairs in Ottawa, declined to give reasons for the rebuff saying "you can draw your own conclusions."

Yaron was cited for negligence in the 1983 Kahan Commission report investigating the massacres in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps outside Beirut. He was blamed for not preventing Lebanese Christian Phalange from committing atrocities there despite having knowledge of them.

Responding to the announcement of the rebuff, Avi Gil, press attache for the Israeli embassy in Ottawa, said Yaron will continue to serve as military attache in Washington, where he has been posted since August, 1986. Gil said Israeli military attaches to Washington, who are responsible for the military contacts between the two countries, usually hold a parallel position in Canada.

In the meantime, Ehud Aviran will continue to act as Israel's military attache to Canada, though, said Gil, Aviran is not the chief attache.

External Affairs Minister Joe Clark said refusal of accreditation "is not done very often, but it was done in this case." He told reporters he did not expect the refusal would affect Canada-Israel relations, a statement echoed by Ehud Gol, a spokesman for the Israeli foreign ministry.

Israel's last chief military attache to Canada was Uri Simhony, who held the position from 1983 until August 1986.

Yaron, a veteran paratroop officer, was banned from holding field command for three years following the Kahan inquiry findings.

From 1984-85, Yaron, 47, served as head of manpower of the Israel Defence Forces General Staff, Gil said.

Police probe hate material

TORONTO —

Twenty-two day care centres in Winnipeg and eight in Toronto were the recipients last week of hate material claiming the Talmud permitted Jews to murder Christian children. Police in both cities are investigating the literature, which was mailed from a non-existent company in Penhold, Alta., about 10 kms. from Red Deer.

Brenda Barrie, a spokesperson for the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, said police told her they suspect the literature is linked to the Aryan Nations, an anti-semitic, white-supremacist organization based 40 kms. from Penhold.

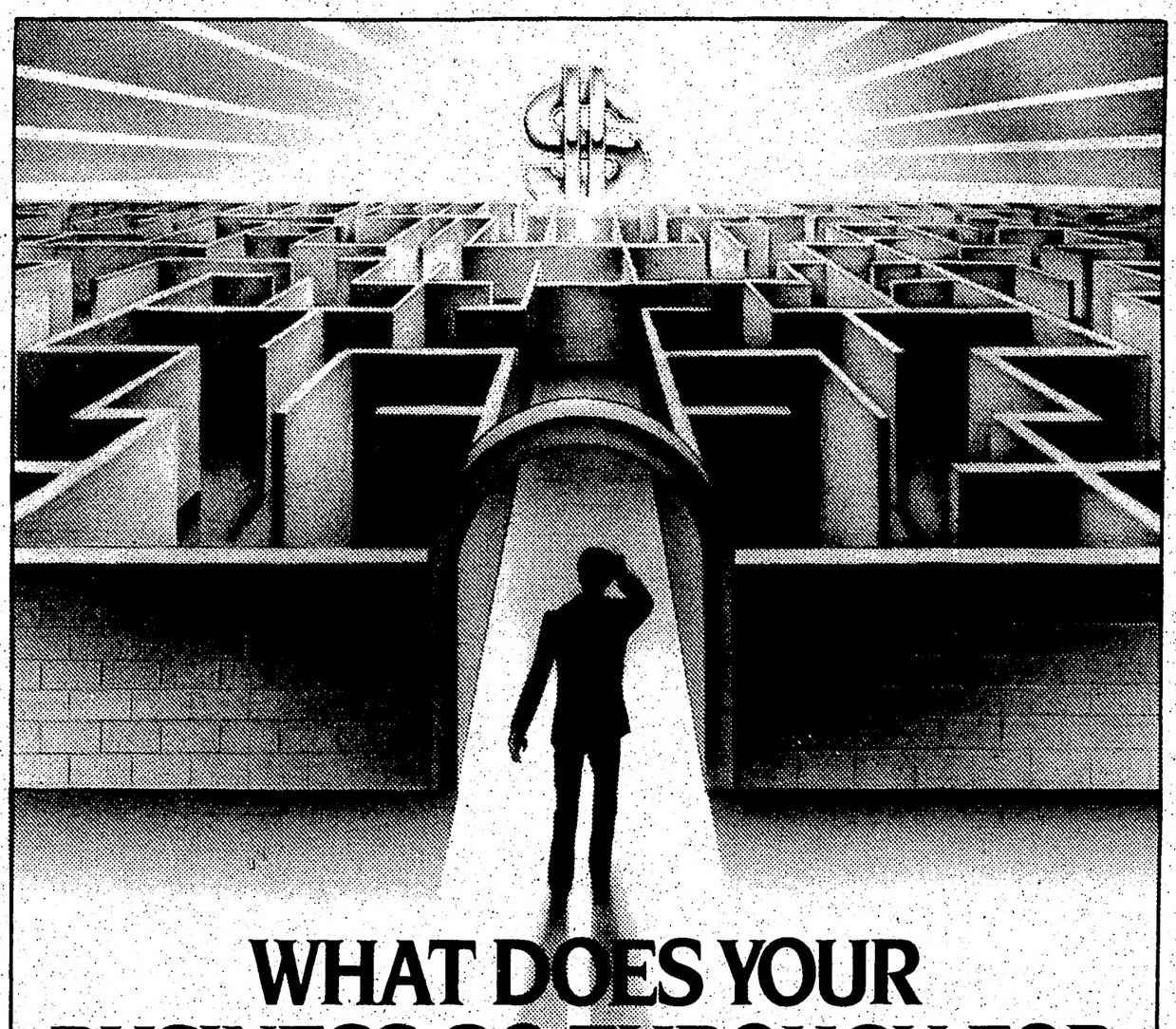
A special Winnipeg police unit assigned to the case will investigate the matter, Sergeant Ted Waller said.

In Toronto, Project P, the combined Metro Toronto and Ontario Provincial Police unit that deals with pornography and hate literature, will investigate, according to Toronto Jewish Congress spokesman Bernie Farber.

"It is clear the sender is a sick individual who targeted day care centres to get a (public) response," Farber said.

Signed by "a concerned citizen," the material mentions the Babylonian Talmud in reference to sexual perversions and states the Talmud permits murder by suffocation. It also refers to cases of murdered and missing children, attempting to link them to supposed Talmudic law.

"It's an age old calumny," Farber said. "A new, modern version of the blood libel that caused pogroms in Europe."



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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: In merrymaking for Purim, may men dress up as women, and women dress as men?

In Deuteronomy, Chapter 22:5, we have this singularly plain statement: "A woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment; for whosoever doeth these things is an abomination unto the Lord thy God." That's a very plain statement.

Rabbi Burak

Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz z.l. in his commentary tells us that "an interchange of attire would promote immodesty, and, in consequence, immorality." That's why there must be a distinction of sex in apparel. Nevertheless, there is some room for discussion in this law. Suppose a woman puts on men's clothing because she needs protection from the weather, what then?

A lady who worked in a cold warehouse once asked me if she might be permitted to wear slacks, for warmth. I told her that it would be kosher; most of the commentaries on the Code, Y. D. Chapter 182 agree that it is permitted as protection from the weather. But, she could never bring herself to wear slacks in that cold warehouse.

Once one sees that intention and purpose have a place in this law, there is room for your question. There is another law that needs consideration for similar reasons; Jews are not permitted to dress as heathens do. May it be done for specific reasons? May it be done as part of the Purim celebrations?

If it is done for other reasons than as an escape from Judaism, it may be permitted. That's the ruling of the Rema in the Code, O.H. Laws of Purim, Chapter 696:8 where he permits "the custom of wearing masks on Purim, and a man wearing female attire, and a woman in male attire. There is no prohibition in this matter, for they have no other intention except to rejoice (with Purim) and so too is it permitted to wear kilayim de-rabbanan."

But, what on earth do masks, and changes of clothing have to do with Purim? Is there any relationship? The answer is given by the Gaon Rabbi Avraham Abba Hertzl z.l. in his classic commentary on Tractate Megillah, 12A, and 15B. It is clear that Esther masked her Jewishness.

The Medes thought she was one of them. The Persians disagreed, and felt she was one of them. Esther gave no information about herself to make them realise their error. So, Esther was wearing a mask. And there were many more masked figures in the scene. . . .

When the question is asked in Tractate Megillah, 12A, as to what sin the Israelites had committed to incur the decree ordering all of them to be killed, the answer is that they kneeled before the image. "If so," disciples of Rabbi Shimmon ben Yochai asked him, "they were guilty; why were they not killed?"

Rashbi answered: "They bowed to the image not for worship, but only for the sake of outward appearance; so, the Holy One, blessed be He, also made the decree against them for appearance (and it was not carried out)." With so much of the story being only appearance, masks and changes of clothing fit well.

Changes of clothing, as a bit of play acting, should be alright on Purim. Nevertheless, most of the great authorities join in forbidding men to wear women's clothing, and vice versa, on Purim. "It is not the way of the pious."

Our concern with morality is primary. Even though the celebration might be more rollicking, morality may decline with such costumes. Festivals can lead to immorality all too often.

So, the answer is no.

Record funding for Reform, Conservative programs

Jewish Agency changes course

By
WINSTON PICKETT

SAN FRANCISCO — **In an unprecedented move that may signal a change in its funding priorities, the Jewish Agency has decided to allocate more than $1.6 million to new Reform institutions and programs in Israel this year.**

In addition, an $864,000 allocation was granted for Conservative programs in Israel, which that movement's leaders hail as a record amount.

The two allocations bring the total to more than $2.4 million earmarked for non-Orthodox institutions, approximately five times more than they had ever received.

Last year, the Reform movement was granted only a little more than $250,000, while the Conservative movement received even less.

The Jewish Agency, with its ties to the World Zionist Organization and the coalition politics of the Israeli government, in the past has distributed the bulk of its money to Orthodox institutions. In 1983-84 for example, about $26 million of the Jewish Agency's budget was allocated in that direction. This year, it is estimated at about $30 million.

The Jewish Agency's budget for 1987-88 also includes some $600,000 for programs in Israel submitted by various American Orthodox institutions.

The Jewish Agency has been under increasing pressure to reform its method of allocating money raised in the United States for Israel. San Francisco's Jewish Community Federation bypassed the agency this year by sending $100,000 directly to projects in the Jewish state. Sources have suggested that the Jewish Agency agreed to the Reform movement's request because it feared that other federations might follow suit if the Jewish Agency didn't restructure its dispensing of funds.

The Jewish Agency's decision, disclosed at a recent meeting of its board of governors in Jerusalem, was announced by Rabbi Eric Yoffie, executive director of ths Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA). Yoffie spoke at a meeting of the Northern California Council of Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) in San Rafael.

• $250,000 for Tzofei Telem, Progressive Judaism's national Israeli youth movement, which includes a community outreach program and social and educational services to disadvantaged in communities in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa.

• $250,000 for adult outreach and social programming in those three communities.

• $181,000 for educational programs at the Jerusalem campus of HUC-JIR.

• $250,000 for family and handicapped programming at Beit Shmuel, the new 240-bed, 45-room World Union of Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) youth centre and hostel.

• $250,000 for capital building to complete construction of Beit Shmuel.

• $129,000 for immigration and absorption programs, including Netzer Olami, for Reform Jewish olim from North America, England, Australia and South Africa.

• $156,000 for a 6-week summer program designed by the UAHC for unaffiliated Jewish youth and their families.

• $146,000 for the Institute for Jewish-Zionist Democratic Values, which will design educational programs and teaching materials on the roots of democratic values in Jewish tradition.

• $32,000 for a 2-week summer youth camp for disadvantaged inner-city children from Tel Aviv.

In addition to these allocations, which are earmarked only for programs (the $250,000 for the completion of the WUPJ's Jerusalem hostel was part of a prior commitment by the Jewish Agency, Yoffie said), the Israel Education Fund (IEF) has pledged for the first time to raise funds for the building of additional Reform educational institutions in Israel.

The IEF, an affiliate of the United Jewish Appeal, until now has restricted its channeling of American dollars to the Leo Baeck School in Haifa, Yoffie said.

For the Conservative movement, which followed the Reform's lead and asked for more funds for educational and outreach projects in Israel, that approach already seems to have paid off. Included in the Jewish Agency's allocation to non-Orthodox programs was a line item for $864,000 to 15 Conservative programs for next year.

According to Rabbi Michael Greenbaum, vice-chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, those projects include: rabbinic and teacher training programs; outreach to overseas students at Israeli universities in Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel Aviv; Zionist training at the Conservative Kibbutz Hanaton; and funding for learning and brain-damaged children to attend Camp Ramah.

Greenbaum, who called the Jewish Agency's allocation "significantly higher than last year," attributes the breakthrough to the Conservative movement's having appealed for funds as a collective body. He coordinated the original proposal — which, coincidentally, amounted to $1.6 million, the same amount ultimately allocated to the Reform movement — on behalf of JTS, United Synagogue of America, the Rabbinical Assembly, the World Council of Synagogues, the Foundation for Conservative Judaism in Israel, and Masorati.

Israel, Argentina plan cooperation

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel and Argentina signed a memorandum of understanding for scientific and technological cooperation during the visit here of the Argentine minister of labor and energy, Dr. Pedro Agustin Trucco. He was the guest of Moshe Shahal, Israel's minister of energy and infrastructure.

The agreement includes close cooperation in the development of alternative energy sources. Trucco said in his discussions with Shahal that Argentina is particularly interested in Israel's knowledge in the fields of solar energy, water desalination and irrigation.

The agreement provides for the reciprocal transfer of technology and knowledge between the two countries and the establishment of energy-business partnerships.

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"You are a liar," accused tells witness

Demjanjuk trial told of horror at Treblinka

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The trial of John Demjanjuk, identified as the brutal Treblinka camp guard known as Ivan the Terrible, continued last week as one of the witnesses was called a liar by the 66-year-old accused.

Eliahu Rosenberg, pointing at Demjanjuk, told the court, "That is Ivan, I have not a shadow of a doubt."

He was relentlessly cross-examined by Demjanjuk's American attorney, Mark O'Connor. It was Rosenberg's third day on the witness stand, and Judge Dov Levin, president of the 3-judge panel hearing the case, said it would be the last.

Rosenberg, who testified that he was a member of the prisoner squad forced to clean the gas chambers after each mass killing, was asked by O'Connor why he did nothing to warn his fellow Jews as they were driven to their deaths.

"How could I have helped them?" was Rosenberg's anguished reply. "I had no contact with living people there. . . . If I would have shouted to them I would have been thrown alive into a pit filled with blood."

At that point, Demjanjuk called from the prisoner's dock, "You are a liar." He hurled the epithet in Hebrew, which he has learned since he was extradited to Israel from the U.S. more than a year ago.

O'Connor's cross-examination was aimed at discrediting Rosenberg by demonstrating that his memory is faulty. He succeeded in finding discrepancies between Rosenberg's testimony in court and statements he signed at other times.

One related to the date he was brought to Treblinka. Was it during June 1942 or on the eve of Rosh Hashanah that year? And how old was he when he gave testimony in the trial of Adolf Eichmann 25 years ago, 35 or 40?

Yosef Tcherny, 61, who was sent to Treblinka from the Warsaw Ghetto when he was 16, told the court that he had seen Demjanjuk many times operating the gas chambers in which nearly 900,000 Jews perished.

Tcherny said he was put to work sorting out the possessions of those who died and later became the "camp Jew," a servant to the German and Ukrainians who ran the camp, the butt of their jokes and target of their kicks and blows.

He wept when he told how a dog the Germans named Mensch (human) was set upon the prisoners with the command, "Mensch, get the dogs."

Gustav Borax, an 87-year-old Holocaust survivor who lost his entire family at Treblinka, testified that Demjanjuk was Ivan the Terrible.

Borax, the oldest witness to appear so far, was the fourth to identify Demjanjuk since the trial opened 3½ weeks ago. Speaking in Yiddish, he said he was in his 30s when he was deported to Treblinka and given the job of shaving the heads of women about to go to the gas chambers.

Borax testified that he saw terrified women driven at bayonet point into the room where he worked. Ivan often stabbed them, ripping off "whole pieces of flesh," the witness said.

Meanwhile, an SS identification card alleged to have been issued to Demjanjuk was presented as evidence.

The card, supplied by the Soviet Union, has been branded a forgery by O'Connor. He contends that Demjanjuk is the victim of mistaken identity and a Soviet plot to punish him for having left the USSR after World War II to settle in the United States.

But Alex Ish-Shalom, head of the Israeli police team that interrogated Demjanjuk in prison, testified that far from volunteering the evidence, the Soviet authorities provided the card only after pressure was exerted by Israel and Armand Hammer, the American industrialist who heads the Occidental Petroleum Co. and has often served as an intermediary between the West and the Soviet Union.

Soviet confronted after police tricked

By VIC ALHADEFF

SYDNEY, Australia — The leader of the Sydney Jewish community used a driver's licence and chutzpah to outwit the police in one of the most embarrassing breaches of security in Australia's history.

The bungle enabled the president of the Board of Deputies, Prof. Graham de Vahl Davis, to confront Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze at the Royal Australian Air Force base in Canberra last week and question him on the plight of Soviet Jewry.

De Vahl Davis was stopped twice by police, who asked for identity and where he was from. On each occasion he produced his driving licence and said he worked at the university. He is in fact an associate professor of engineering at the University of New South Wales.

He was waved through by the police and joined the official welcoming party. He then approached the Soviet foreign minister.

"I would like to discuss human rights in the Soviet Union," he said.

"What do you want to know?" asked Shevardnadze.

"About the condition of Soviet Jews," said the professor.

"They live very well and are free to leave if they want. Some even come back," said Shevardnadze.

"But 400,000 Jews want to leave the USSR," said the professor.

"We must get together and compare notes," said the foreign minister.

"Thank you very much, I'd like that," replied de Vahl Davis.

Australian TV and radio networks featured the unprecedented breach of security as the main item on all news bulletins that evening. Police chiefs interviewed said the professor would not be charged.

Five busloads of Jewish demonstrators lined the route from the airport to Canberra.

Shevardnadze then confronted 350 chanting Jewish demonstrators outside Parliament House. He startled his bodyguards by breaking with protocol and walking directly to the chanting demonstrators, who were flanked by anti-Soviet protesters from Poland, the Ukraine, Hungary and Afghanistan.

Addressing a group led by Jewish student leader Eva Freedman, the Soviet foreign minister said: "What do you want from me?"

The chanting from the vociferous demonstrators rendered the reply inaudible and Shevardnadze turned and walked back to the official party.

Shevardnadze, who was on a 3-day visit to Australia, held a meeting with Prime Minister Bob Hawke, who asked him about the fate of Soviet Jewry. Shevardnadze promised to investigate the issue on his return to the USSR.

In Sydney 300 Jewish protesters greeted him with a well-organized and noisy protest when he drove through the city to meet the New South Wales state premier Barrie Unsworth.

Drop Lavi fighter project, IDF general staff urges

TEL AVIV (JTA) — **The Israel Defence Force general staff has recommended abandonment of the Lavi fighter plane project in favor of acquiring additional American-made F-16C jet fighters, according to media reports which quoted "well placed sources."**

The general staff proposed that Israel apply the rest of the money slated for the Lavi to other development and procurement projects, the reports said.

The Lavi, Israel's second-generation ground-support fighter aircraft, is being tested by its manufacturer, Israel Aircraft Industries (AIA), which plans to put it into production in two years. But the fate of the project is clouded by American objections to the Lavi on grounds it is too expensive.

The F-16C, an advanced aircraft that Israel has equipped with its own computer systems, is less expensive.

According to reports, aides to Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin are examining several alternatives to the Lavi proposed by U.S. Deputy Undersecretary of Defence Dov Zackheim when he visited Israel in January. They include building F-16s in Israel or purchasing either F-15, F-18 or Harrier jets.

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Elberts denied exit visas for 11 years

Refuseniks and protesters begin hunger strikes

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

Refusenik activists Lev and Inna Elbert want out of the Soviet Union so badly they can taste it but that's all they'll be chewing on for some time.

The Elberts, who have been in refusal for 11 years, began an open-ended hunger strike March 5 — their son Carmi's 16th birthday.

Elbert told sources here and in the United States that they want exit visas for the whole family, including his brother Michael, but "at the very least, he wants permission for his son and brother to go to Israel and join Inna's mother and brother (Kira and Dr. Alexander Mizrukhin)."

In another two years, Carmi will be eligible for army service which in Elbert's belief — supported by information received by The CJN from the department of information of the Israel Public Council for Soviet Jewry — is the reason why he has been refused.

Elbert was in a construction battalion in 1973-1974 and demobilized in 1975. However, in 1983, he was arrested and later convicted when he was called up for reserve duty and refused to serve in other than an unclassified unit for fear it would harm his chances of emigration.

While in prison, his clothes were taken away and drugs planted. Officials charged him — and latter dropped — with possessing drugs for personal use. During this time, Inna staged a 53-day hunger strike to protest his treatment.

Sources say the Elberts fear that Carmi's service will mean "we will never get out of Russia."

Elbert, a Hebrew teacher, is described as a mentor to Soviet Jews who want to apply for exit visas.

Data from the Israeli council call Elbert one of the most prominent Jewish activists in Kiev. He speaks fluent Hebrew and English as does Inna. He worked as a construction department head until November 1976 when he was demoted and later dismissed after applying for an exit visa.

Inna, a cardiologist, works in a Red Cross unit, sometimes driving an ambulance.

The Israel council report says that because of their involvement organizing Jewish seminars and communal celebrations both have been harassed by the KGB.

It states: "Inna was attacked and beaten up in the street by 'unknown hooligans'. Their home has been searched by the KGB and many books on Judaism and Israel were confiscated. They have also been detained several times for no reason by the KGB."

In a letter to the first secretary of the Communist Party of Kiev, Mrs. Elbert says since 1976 her family has been "absolutely, lawlessly refused our inalienable rights to live in Israel with our immediate family, my mother, brother and 42 more distant relatives. The reason for the refusal has always been the same, the so-called classification restrictrictions imposed by the army."

In Toronto, the 90-member Wilson Heights Lodge of B'nai B'rith is staging a round robin hunger strike in support of the Elberts.

Morley Wolfe, a past national president and lodge member, initiated the effort which he expects to last as long as the Elberts' fast. Each able bodied member —"I'm diabetic but I'll do it anyway" — will take a turn fasting from midnight to midnight.

When asked why he initiated it, Wolfe replied, "It's been my personal view that people should be free to be united with their families wherever they are. I can't see any reason why those in the USSR don't have that same ability."

He added that the reason given for Elbert's refusal — grounds that he may have classified information as a consequence of a year in the army 13 years ago — "border on the absurd.

"He was a private in the army. Maybe in the Soviet Union, how you wield the shovel is classified."

Meanwhile, two groups of women in Israel and the Soviet Union have began short-term hunger strikes.

In Israel, the mothers of 11 Refuseniks began a hunger strike March 4 outside the Knesset building to protest the failure of Soviet authorities to grant exit visas and reunify their families. (At press time, it was not known how long the fast would last.)

The protesters say that despite new emigration regulations, about 50 long-term Refuseniks, some for more than 15 years, were recently informed their visa applications have been rejected. Canadian sources say that other Soviet Jews have been told they'll never be allowed to leave. Samuel Zivs, head of the Soviet Anti-Zionist League, has put Ida Nudel in this category.

In the Soviet Union, about 60 members of Jewish Women Against Refusal began a 3-day hunger strike March 7 to protest their status as long-time Refuseniks and to bring attention to the plight of their families, Canadian sources say.

The group chose to begin the observance the evening before the the Soviet observance of Women's Day, which celebrates the granting of equal rights for Soviet women, to make it an ostensibly Jewish observance.

The fast is taking place in Leningrad, Moscow, Bendery, Kiev and Riga.

Barbara Stern, chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry in Montreal, said the women are exemplifying the mood of the Russian community.

"They are becoming aware through the West of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's glasnost propaganda efforts.... They're not prepared to sit by quietly waiting for better East-West relations."

Stern explained that Soviet Jews have become increasingly anxious and alarmed about the administrative degree on emigration which became effective Jan. 1. It was promoted as being helpful but when Soviet Jews read the text, they realized their fears seemed to be realized.

"As far as Jews are concerned, we hear wonderful things but we're seeing quite the opposite.

"The situation in the Soviet Union is not improving. Words must be coupled with action in improving human rights."

Ioffes seeking to join son's family in Israel

TORONTO —

With his son's family safely ensconced in an Israeli absorption centre, former hunger striker Alexander Ioffe is savoring his victory against Soviet officialdom.

However, he told Barbara Stern, chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, in a telephone call that the victory was "bittersweet."

The son, Dimitry, was released Feb. 26 (CJN March 5).

Stern said Ioffe, a Refusenik for 10 years, and his wife Rosa were so busy with preparations leading up to the departure — the same day Iosif Begun was released from prison — of Dimitry, his wife Tatyana and baby daughter Ilana, "they had no time to think of the separation. I imagine it was a lonely weekend for them."

She said Ioffe, who fasted for 19 days in January losing 19 pounds to protest the refusal of an exit visa for Dimitry and to challenge the USSR's new emigration laws, plans to ask for a review seeking family reunification in Israel.

When asked if his case was stronger with an immediate relative in Israel, she replied, "Theoretically, he should have been out before but the Russians said they didn't want to separate the family. Now maybe we can use that argument and reunify the family.

"We are continuing to alert people to the situation — our campaign won't stop until the family is together in Israel."

"Must redouble efforts"

In other Soviet Jewry news, in Ottawa External Affairs Minister Joe Clark announced that Soviet officials will allow 22 families comprising 57 individuals to be reunited with relatives in Canada.

In releasing the names, which were on a list of 42 he presented to Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze last September, Clark said he hopes their release indicates the Soviet Union will allow a freer flow of emigration.

Although Clark said the Soviet decision was a positive action, Canada will continue to press for the release of other families on the list and of all families who remain separated from their relatives in Canada.

Michael Rosenberg, chairman of B'nai B'rith Soviet Jewry Committee, commended the Canadian government and Clark for their commitment to family reunification.

"We must redouble our efforts to ensure that significant numbers (of Soviet families) continue to be reunited with their families in the West. Only such gestures will enable us to trust Soviet pronouncements of openness in the future."

In Toronto, the cousins of Soviet Prisoner of Conscience Yuli Edelshtein were to meet last week with Steven Offer, Marion Bryden and Don Cousens, the three co-chairmen of the Ontario Legislature's Committee for Soviet Jewry, as well as Leader of the Opposition Larry Grossman at Queen's Park. (Grossman is the MPP for the riding in which Selma and Gordon Edelstone, chairmen of the cousins' group, live.)

Beth Tikvah's Stan Solomon reports that the synagogue's phone call by Genya Intrator to their adopted family Leonid and Judith Ratner-Bialy was "dramatic."

"Judith and Leonid were ill so their son Mikhail read his mother's prepared statement (which we broadcast on a speaker phone) describing their situation and how the government's so-called openness really isn't," Solomon said.

"The phone call was cut off after about five minutes," he said, adding that they talked an operator into re-establishing contact. About 10 minutes later, Mikhail continued with his text.

Then Intrator called Judith Ratner-Bialy's elderly mother in Israel who voiced, in Yiddish, her desire to be reunited soon with her family. **W.R.**

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. When is the Book of Esther (Megillah) read?
2. What two customs, widely practiced during Purim, were recommended by the Book of Esther (9:22)?
3. According to tradition, what city houses the tombs of Mordechai and Esther?

Edmond Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. On the evening of the 13th and the morning of the 14th of Adar.
2. "Sending portions to one another, and gifts to the poor."
3. Hamadan, a city in Western Iran.

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These questions and answers came from the book 6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, published by JESL Educational Products, Downsview, Ont. Dr. Lipsitz would be pleased to receive your comments, or to consider your own Jewish quiz questions for inclusion in future columns. Write to him, c/o Canadian Jewish News.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Purim, Adar 14, (March 14 and 15 this year) is a time to lighten up. Presented are excerpts for this day from Diary of a People: 2000-plus. It was, or rather will be, compiled by a mystic seer, the half-Jewish Miss Winsome Losesome.

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Submitted by a senior CJN story editor: On this day, Chinese was declared to be a dialect of Yiddish. The conclusion was based on the telling phrase, "Fung oon fin oonfung." In Yiddish, it means "start at the beginning."

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He also reports a special tribute dinner was thrown for a leading philanthropist's pet dog:

The honoree's speech was notably short, if not downright curt.

Some $500,000 was pledged for the newly formed Canadian Friends of the Canaanite Dog, to help save that longlived species' feared extinction in the Negev.

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The 1st annual Purim celebrations were held at Ontario Jewish Theme Park, formerly Canada's Wonderland.

Rollercoasters hurled gaping visitors through larger-than-life exhibits of matzoh baking, UJA Super Sunday, a singles meeting, and a school science fair. On hand were photos from Beth Hatefutsoth's collection depicting the founding of Tel Aviv.

Also that day, The CJN's new site was formally dedicated. Walls were temporarily replaced by clear acrylic sheets. Clearly visible were: in editorial, a well thumbed set of Encyclopedia Judaica; and in the advertising department, a pair of aluminum crutches and Shalom's vinyl briefcase. Each of the 29 members of the editorial staff had a desk nameplate with his or her last name . . . Rosen.

Both The CJN office's aging photocopier and new developing machine broke down, on what happened to be a production day. Viewers found staffers' lively reactions "enjoyable."

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The Canada-Israel Broadcast Authority started up its first radio station, Kol Beseder.

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A space probe was launched to look for organized Jewish life on other planets.

Funding for the project, under the auspices of the Canadian Jewish Congress, was provided by the federal and provincial governments.

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A congratulatory telegram was read by the Pope commemorating his recent recognition of the State of Israel.

When asked by reporters why he or his predecessor did not grant their recognition earlier, he replied:

"I can't speak for the others. Personally, I was going to do it earlier, but I forgot."

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The results of the Deschenes Commission on suspected former war criminals in Canada would be released soon, according to an official message from Prime Minister Billie Mulroney-Trudeau.

Miss Mulroney-Trudeau, in the Guiness Book of World Records, is the grandchild of two former prime ministers.

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Israeli MK Yosef Burg, also in Guinness, was honored in a ceremony here marking his new term of office.

He was in Canada recently to participate in a joint Orthodox-Conservative-Reform conference sponsored by Emunah and Lubavitch Women, on the question: Who is a Woman.

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The Saidye Bronfman-Leah Posluns Traveling Theatre Troupe reported sellout crowds at the theme park's stage for their latest joint production, a Yiddish version of Hello Dolly.

The play, a musical, has been translated as: Oy, Is Doos A Lalke!

Israelis and Egyptians can direct-dial now

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Direct-dialing telephone connections between Israel and Egypt has gone into effect, an outcome of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' visit to Cairo recently.

Although Israel and Egypt share a common border, calls between the two countries were relayed via Italy over submarine cable.

A telephone call from Tel Aviv to Cairo costs 4.19 shekels ($2.50 U.S.) a minute.

Atlantic community petitions minister

Council urges Ross decertification

By WENDY ROSEN

MONCTON, NB — The Atlantic Jewish Council has sent a brief to New Brunswick Education Minister Jean Pierre Ouellet asking him to consider decertification procedures against alleged hatemonger Malcolm Ross.

At a press conference last week in Moncton, president Lee Cohen said he also asked the minister to meet with an AJC delegation in the wake of Moncton School Board District 15's recent acceptance of a committee report exonerating Ross of charges he taught his anti-Jewish beliefs in the classroom (CJN March 5).

Cohen said the board — with the exclusion of Audrey Lampert, the only Jewish trustee, who voted against acceptance of the report — "defaulted in its responsibilities and obligations as trustees of future generations of Canadians.

"As expressed in the brief submitted to the school board, it is our strong belief that the publicly stated positions that Malcolm Ross asserted are entirely incompatible and inconsistent with those values which we associate with school teachers and therefore Ross is completely unacceptable as a teacher and role model within the school system."

Teachers serve as "role models"

(The brief stated: "Few would challenge the claim that teachers serve as one of — if not the — primary role models for our children.... In our society, we encourage children to respect, obey and even emulate those positive role models.

("It is also an accepted principle that there exists within our society certain occupations, that demand of the individual conduct above reproach, whether during formal working hours or in private life....It is not unreasonable — indeed quite natural — to include the teaching profession in that category which calls upon its membership to always act and live above reproach. This call not only applies to legal criteria but to moral ones as well.")

Cohen said that the board was not sensitive to the "critical nature" of the problem before the community and in fact, through its inaction, has implicitly condoned his beliefs published in three booklets.

"As a teacher, Malcolm Ross is more than a private individual — he is a role model and a community leader. He has defaulted in his own responsibilities by conveying the hatred and obscenities, which he believes in his heart."

Cohen stressed that the council does not seek to comment on the possibility or advisability of criminal prosecution of Ross — the justice department now is reviewing the RCMP's report based on a 1-month investigation — only on his status as a teacher.

Demands his dismissal

"We feel that it is incumbent upon not just the Jewish community, but upon the community-at-large to understand and demand his dismissal in the interests of ensuring our children the best education possible, free of any association with racism and prejudice.

"The Atlantic Jewish Council unequivocably rejects any argument that Malcolm Ross is able to present one attitude within the classroom and a second in his private life."

In a telephone interview following the press conference, Dr. Shimon Fogel, AJC executive director, said that he didn't think the school board took the whole Ross issue seriously.

"Its attitude seemed to be 'How can we get rid of it (the controversy) quickly'."

Fogel said he was surprised at the report — "there wasn't even a call for him to curtail his activities" — because it did nothing even though there was some pressure exerted on it by Jewish and non-Jewish groups that some action was merited.

"He's unfit as a teacher, unfit as a role model and should be dismissed."

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Editorial

Purim's message

On the Jewish religious calendar Purim (celebrated on the 14th of Adar — this year starting the night of March 14) is considered a minor festival, in part, because it is not mentioned in the five books of Moses (the Torah).

The travail of Persian Jewry associated with the holiday is found rather in the Book of Esther. As a minor festival, most holiday prohibitions concerning work do not apply to its observance.

While Purim may be considered a minor festival from the calendrical point of view, it is major in terms of content and meaning.

The word Purim itself comes from a word which means "lots." They were used by Haman to choose the date on which all the Jews of Persia would be slaughtered.

The Purim story, which occured sometime in the 5th century BCE, is thus the first instance of organized anti-semitism directed against the Jewish people living as a free and independent people.

It is a story with a happy ending: the intervention of Mordechai and Esther thwarts Haman's evil decree and he himself ends up on the hangman's noose.

The days of doom were turned from sorrow to gladness — in commemoration of which Jews are enjoined to this day to send gifts to one another and to the poor.

In our own day the celebrations continue unabated as Jews read Megillat Esther in the synagogue, exchange shalach manot, contribute to charity and enjoy the Purim seudah, the festive meal.

In the midst of rejoicing today, however, Jews have to realize that while Haman died, his spirit did not. It is alive and well in those who perversely deny the Holocaust, the legitimacy of the State of Israel and the ordinary rights of Jews in society.

Purim is a joyful holiday but it is also a cautionary tale about unbridled hatred. It teaches us that Jews must be eternally vigilant against those who would seek to destroy us.

Precipitous move

As a Jewish newspaper with memories of what happened to our European brethren when they tried to enter Canada between 1933 and 1948, we are shocked and appalled at the refugee crisis which has now been created at many border points along the Canada-United States frontier.

Radio, television and the other media have featured story after poignant story of families from Central and South America who have been barred from entering this country pending a hearing which may or may not take place six months hence.

Canada, of course, is not the only culprit in this affair. The United States Congress, by enacting legislation which provides for the arrest and fining of employers who hire illegal immigrants, has precipitated a stampede of these illegals into Canada.

The callousness of the American action, which threatens thousands of people with deportation to countries with poor to execrable records for human rights, is bad enough.

Canada's precipitous move in closing border crossings for these people is even more deplorable because this country recently won the Frijthof Nansen Award (a United Nations recognition) for refugee treatment. The award should be revoked by the appropriate authorities.

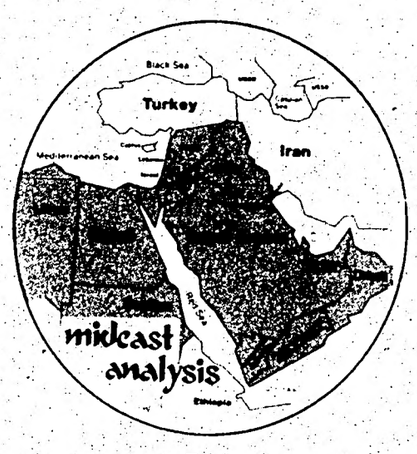
We note that a number of groups have demonstrated at border points against the government action. We salute them.

At the same time we must express our astonishment at the comparative inertia of most synagogues and Jewish groups with regard to this crisis. As a community we have been quick to condemn Canadians for their behavior towards Jews in the 1930s and 1940s who were knocking on the doors of this country. In the 1980s another group of would-be immigrants to Canada is finding the door shut. A "None Is Too Many" syndrome is once again filtering back into Canada's immigration policy.

We urge the Canadian government to rescind its heartless new directives on refugees.

Peace parley issue shakes coalition

Israel's tug of war heats up



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Israel's coalition government is being shaken by differences in approach to an international Middle East peace conference.

Last week, Israelis watched incredulously as Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres exchanged pointed barbs in public, making a shambles out of the time-honored precept of cabinet solidarity.

It was not one of Israel's finer moments.

What precipitated the political mud slinging was an issue that was bound to surface sooner or later — the peace process.

Peres believes that direct Arab-Israeli peace talks can begin after an international peace conference is convened. Crucial make-or-break questions, such as which Arab nations will take part, who will represent the Palestinians and what specific issues will be on the agenda, have not even been addressed at this juncture.

The basic idea, which Peres and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak discussed in Cairo late last month, is still something of a trial balloon, given Shamir's adamant opposition. However, it has the support of Israel's chief ally, the U.S., the European Common Market and at least two neighboring Arab countries, Egypt and Jordan.

Shamir, claiming that a conference would be contrary to Israel's interest, says it would isolate Israel, strengthen the hand of the Soviet Union in the region and force a return to the pre-1967 ceasefire lines.

Yitzhak Shamir

The failure of Peres and Shamir to coordinate their policies is hardly surprising, since the Labor Party and the Likud bloc disagree on some of the key issues.

In the first 25 months of the life of the national unity government, Peres and Shamir were preoccupied by the parlous state of Israel's economy and Lebanon. And while the feuding pair did not always see eye to eye on these pressing matters, Peres and Shamir knew that they could be resolved without giving up ideological ground.

The peace process, though, presents much greater difficulties for the longevity of the government.

It goes to the heart of Israel's historic dispute with the Arabs in general and with the Palestinians in particular. And it defines the contradictory visions of Israel's main political blocs — Labor and Likud.

If prospects for real peace ever emerge, Israel would finally have to come to terms with territorial and national questions that have been largely shelved so far. The acrimonious debate that accompanied Israel's 1982 withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula would be child's play compared to the sound and fury that would be part and parcel of a serious debate concerning the status of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights.

Theoretically prepared to make compromises

These are areas Israel will not easily relinquish, particularly in view of the fact that they are more important to Israel's security than the Sinai and contain numerous Jewish settlements.

But Peres' party, being pragmatic, is theoretically prepared to make compromises for the sake of achieving a workable settlement with the Arabs. If conditions are right, Labor is ready to give up big chunks of the West Bank and Gaza and agree to some form of confederation between Jordan and the Palestinians. And if Syria shows genuine interest in an accord, Peres may even consider a partial or total withdrawal from the strategic Golan.

Peres prefers direct talks with the Arabs in order to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict. (The PLO is excluded from this formula.) But, knowing that King Hussein of Jordan cannot or will not enter into such negotiations alone, Peres is prepared to lower his sights and begin with an international peace conference.

Earlier this year, Peres signaled his intentions by issuing a set of guidelines to the foreign ministry. The guidelines, which could have a significant impact on peacemaking, recognize "the legitimate rights of the Palestinians" and the existence of "a Palestinian people," and express readiness to participate in, or cooperate with, an "international forum" to facilitate direct Arab-Israeli talks.

Without Shamir's cooperation, however, Peres could be wasting his time. Shamir, who voted against the 1978 Camp David Accords and Israel's 1979 peace treaty with Egypt, wants peace without making withdrawals from the occupied territories. Unlike Peres, Shamir regards the West Bank as an integral part of Israel, not to be given up under any circumstances. And, as noted, he will not commit Israel to an international peace conference in advance of direct negotiations.

Shamir's views are entirely representative of Likud philosophy and are not likely to change. If observers are correct, Shamir will do everything in his power to stymie Peres. And if this tug of war between them goes on for too much longer, political paralysis will set in and the peace process, such as it is, will be effectively stalled once again.

Yet Shamir is not the only stumbling block on Peres' road toward peace.

King Hussein

• King Hussein may find it in his interest to continue with the status quo. Moslem fundamentalists in his kingdom are against a settlement and they are a growing force. King Hussein, too, may be content to rule the West Bank tacitly with Israel.

Furthermore, his concept of an international peace conference includes the five permanent members of the Security Council. Two of them, the Soviet Union and China, do not have diplomatic relations with Israel. And even Peres will not participate in such a meeting unless that anomaly is resolved to Israel's satisfaction.

• The attitude of the PLO. A year ago, King Hussein broke off talks with the PLO after it became apparent that it would not accept two United Nations resolutions — 242 and 338 — that acknowledge Israel's existence. PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat considers the resolutions unacceptable because they do not mention the Palestinians' right to self-determination. Israel would probably oppose any attempt by the UN to rework them.

The PLO, in any case, is a house divided, fragmented by political and personal fissures that make it just about impossible for Arafat to speak on behalf of the Palestinians. Arafat, though, possesses enormous veto powers and can, if he so desires, derail any joint effort by Israel, Jordan and West Bank-Gaza Palestinians to get talks off the ground.

U.S. inaction "one of the great obstacles"

• Syrian opposition. Syria, under President Hafez Assad, can wreck a potential settlement by exerting pressure on Jordan and the Palestinians in the occupied areas. Syria might join peace talks if Israel agreed to withdraw from the Golan, but it should be recalled that in 1986 the Syrians rejected then secret Israeli overtures to discuss the matter.

• U.S. inaction. Abba Eban, chairman of the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee, says that the Reagan administration is not doing enough to encourage the parties to make peace, and he regards that as "one of the great obstacles to progress."

Last year, Eban told an interviewer: "I have no hesitation in saying that if the Americans had behaved as they are now in 1973 (after the Yom Kippur War) and in 1977 (after Anwar Sadat's visit to Jerusalem), we would not have had any disengagement agreements, the Camp David agreements or the peace treaty with Egypt."

Little has changed in the eight months since Eban voiced these sentiments. President Reagan, caught up in the Iran-Contra scandal, is loath to commit the U.S. to a process that may backfire and further tarnish his reputation.

When his attitude is factored into the present Mideast equation, the chances for a breakthrough are indeed dim.

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A Purimshpiel with sex, violence and alcoholism

"Feminist body" takes stand against the holiday

Here's a special opinion piece from our regular holiday-time contributor DR. FRED WEINBERG. Could be that he has been overwhelmed in anticipation of the Purim festivities.

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TORONTO —

"Be it resolved that Purim should be forever abolished from the cycle of Jewish holidays."

This startling resolution was unanimously approved by the members of the Canadian Association of Jewish Feminists at a recent meeting held at the McGill(a) Club in Toronto. This issue had long been on their agenda but for the first time it was able to pass by a vote that had no opposition.

What was the reason for this astounding legislation?

In the biblical Book of Esther, there is the story of King Ahasuerus having a series of feasts for his courtiers and then on the seventh day, "when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded the seven chamberlains that ministered in his presence to bring Vashti, his queen, before the king — wearing only the crown royal to show the peoples and the princes her beauty. But Vashti **refused** to come at the king's commandment by the chamberlain; therefore was the king wrought, and his anger burned in him."

Now Vashti had been subjected for years to many derogatory male chauvinistic requests but this took the hamantash! It might not have been half as bad if she had been asked to pose in a skimpy swimsuit, perhaps a string bikini and tank top — but in a crown and absolutely nothing else was much too much for her.

One of the chamberlains suggested that hanging down from the crown there might be a veil covering her face because it was so well known that revealing the face is considered a most erotic provocation in that part of the world. But even so she refused to appear.

The Queen Vashti had been asked many times for endorsements of beauty products that were advertised in the Teheran Daily Star and in the Shusan Sun: "If you want to look as beautiful as our Queen Vashti, try a few sweeps of our Persian lambswool buffer to dust on translucent powder. It will make your face glow like satin. Try our shimmering Vashti lip glow and some glittery blusher. Then shadow for your eyes to give them that mysterious Persian look."

Certainly Queen Vashti was beautiful, but she resented being taken for an object. In fact, one daring courtier had said to her, "You are too pretty to be smart" when signs of her complex intellect began to show through in court conversations.

Because she was beautiful, no one ever looked beyond. In fact, the only way she could get attention was in the role of being bitchy, beautiful and brainy.

But this request to appear in the nude was too much. When she was crowned Miss Persia many years previously, she was too young to know any better but by now Vashti baby had come a long way! At least she didn't have to mutilate and bind her feet like the women in the country where all their beautiful silk garments came from.

No more would she tolerate being treated with the mock deference of a person of an inferior sex. No longer would she allow a man to open her chariot door for her or light her hookah. In fact, by her refusal to participate in the king's gross request, she set an example for the women of Persia and its empire from Hodu to Cush — that they must not look at the world through false eyelashes but with a new approach to feminism.

This attitude worried one of the courtiers, Memuchan, who said to the king: "Vashti the queen hath not done wrong only to the king, but also to all the princes, and to all the peoples that are in the provinces of the King Ahasuerus. For this deed of the queen will come abroad unto all women to make their husbands contemplate in their eyes when it will be said — the king commanded Vashti and she came out. So there will arise contempt and wrath."

It was at this point that these great advisors to the king suggested a beauty contest to select a queen. "Let there be sought for the king, young maidens to look on; and let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young women unto Shushan, and let the damsel that pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti."

So now we have this foolish king implicated in another sexist act by sponsoring a beauty contest after weeks of oiling and preparation of the virgins who would appear before him. And you remember the business about Mordechai, the uncle of the future queen Esther, pushing her into the position of becoming a candidate for the beauty contest and then becoming the queen and after the months of perfuming, being ready for the king's bed.

"Will he even force the queen before me in the house?" exclaims King Ahasuerus as he stalks in from the garden and sees Queen Esther lying in her ornately canopied bed with Haman kneeling...more in the bed than out. From a 17th century European copper engraved megillah (private collection).

The resentment of the beauty contest was additional background for the resolution to abolish Purim by the Jewish feminists. And indeed it was brought up at this same Toronto meeting by one astute biblical student who pointed out that King Ahasuerus, after disposing of Vashti as queen for insubordination, actually winds up taking orders from the new queen when he countermanded Haman's attempted murder and anti-semitism.

The meeting also strongly objected not only to the sexual overtones of the ganze megillah but to the violence involved, particularly in Chapter 9 of the Scroll of Esther where not only the few hundred anti-semitic mobsters in the capital city were killed, but 75,000 in the provinces were also killed by the Jewish self-defence groups.

And who will ever forget, as pointed out by the chairman of the Canadian Association of Jewish Feminists, the scene where Haman is collapsing in fear on the queen's own couch while Ahasuerus is standing there, having just entered the bedroom screaming that Haman is compromising the queen.

Is it any wonder that the name of God does not appear in such a story of sex and violence? Of course She is never mentioned in that story when Mordechai, Esther and the Jews fast and pray to be delivered from Haman's decree. They wear sack cloth and they do all kinds of penance but they never look to God for Her help. Of course not. They would never involve God in a story that is so ribald and bawdy.

The members of the CAJF then went on to deal with the issue of alcoholism that is recommended and indeed made mandatory so that drunkenness is encouraged in the Purim carnival spirit. The drinking goal: not to be able to differentiate between Mordechai and Haman.

There was a suggestion from one of the members that the Purim hero really should be King Ahasuerus because when Esther approached him he held out the royal sceptre and said to her, "Ask what you will for up to half of the kingdom I will grant you" — thus anticipating the modern community property legislation of Ontario.

It has also been reported that a women's group developed at that time agreed with the king and they called themselves The Realwosh Group (Real Women of Shushan), but they had trouble getting funding to propagate their views and so were never heard from again.

So it would appear that the Jewish feminists meeting at 21 McGill(a) had a point that Purim, a holiday that is based on sex, violence and alcoholism, should be abolished from the Jewish holiday calendar.

Memo to 'I'm not a feminist" professionals:

It's about time you joined the struggle

By
ELAINE KAHN

It has not been a good day.

First of all, one of the kids came home reporting that her teacher taught the class that bat mitzvahs have no significance beyond the hors d'oeuvres level and girls never ever wear tefillin, despite midrashim to the contrary and real life women my children have met.

Then I went to another meeting and a high-powered young businesswoman told me she avoids women's magazines because she doesn't like to read anything specifically directed at women and is not a feminist. It is a bleat I have heard often recently from women like her.

Meanwhile, I took the kids to the hairdresser. Rachel told him she is sure her sister Sara will never get her wish to be a major league ball player, because of restrictions against women. He reassured her that girls can be anything they want to be.

I felt like kissing him. It was the nicest gift I'd had in weeks. Then I got angry at the world that such a remark would seem like a gift and not simply a statement of fact. The fact is that Sara, at the moment, has a Haman's chance in Shushan of being a Blue Jay. That pleases me only because I have higher aspirations for her.

What I want to tell my child's teacher and my friend the businesswoman is that I hope they enjoy Purim. I hope they rejoice that the one woman we celebrate yearly has her power restricted to the bedroom. And then I would like to restrict their power similarly.

I'd like to tell the teacher she is out of a job, because we have reverted back to laws that say married women cannot teach. I'd like every "I'm not a feminist" professional woman I know to be fired and sent back to her parents' home, because, after all, women are flighty, not as smart as men and should not be allowed professional training, because it will take them away from their families — which, God willing, should be as large as their contraceptive-free reproductive systems allow.

I want to strip all such women of their rights to vote, own land and have charge cards. I want them sheitell-ed and mikvah-ed and shadchen-ed to the limit, regardless of Jewish denomination, and their fathers should all revise their wills to leave everything to their brothers.

I have a friend who took a few years off from social activities (as it is called out there — tikkun olam, in other words), because she was burned out. I think I am too. I am deathly tired of talking with women who want every advantage society will give them, as long as they don't have to join in the fight themselves, acknowledge the women and men who fought on their behalf or be "branded" as feminists. I am sick of meeting with Jews who know nothing, have less to pass on, but want their children to marry Jews because it is genetically correct. Maybe most of all, I am tired of hearing lip service paid to Jewish pluralism, when our day school and communal systems live primarily in an Orthodox world.

Purim this year coincides with our daughters' birthday. They hope, some day, to chant the megillah. I resent a world that wants them instead to dress up as Esther — not, heaven forbid, in order to snap up a Gentile man, as Esther did, but so that they will go back to bed.

Which is a hell of a lot more tempting than trying to make the world a just and merciful place — unfortunately.

Opinion

Accepted by Peres as legitimate representative

Palestinian moderate calls for mutual recognition

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

NEW YORK —

In the summer of 1985, the Middle East seemed poised on the edge of a breakthrough in the on-again-off-again peace process.

Israel had agreed to negotiate with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation as a first step toward direct Arab-Israeli talks, but then problems arose.

Israel objected to Jordan's demand that preliminary negotiations be conducted by the delegation with the U.S. in advance of actual talks with Israel.

Several months later, Jordan severed a year-long effort to coordinate diplomatic strategy with the PLO, which had helped select some or all of the Palestinians on the delegation.

As a result, the whole delicate enterprise withered away, ending yet another phase of peacemaking in the Middle East.

If it had succeeded, Hanna Siniora, a Christian Palestinian from East Jerusalem, would have been one of the key players. Siniora, a 49-year old newspaper editor who is a pharmacist by training, was one of two "authentic Palestinians" whose appointment to the joint delegation had been accepted by then Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Hanna Siniora

"You cannot exclude the PLO and expect peace"

Siniora, in New York City to address a Friends of Peace Now meeting, still believes that the 1985 framework for Arab-Israeli negotiations remains valid. In a recent interview in a Manhattan Indian restaurant, he suggested that both Israel and the PLO are committed to the idea of a preparatory conference to lay the groundwork for direct talks.

Siniora, whom PLO chairman Yasser Arafat nominated for the Jordanian-Palestinian delegation, said flatly that the PLO must participate in peace negotiations.

"You cannot exclude the PLO and expect peace."

In the past, he said, Israel attempted to bypass the PLO by creating pro-Jordanian Village Leagues among Palestinians and by holding municipal elections on the West Bank in 1972 and 1976. These efforts, he said, were unsuccessful. (Syria, in 1983, fomented dissension within the PLO in the hope of forming an alternative Palestinian leadership to Arafat, Siniora noted.)

Although he does not hold PLO membership, Siniora is a strong PLO sympathizer. As he put it: "No Palestinian in the occupied territories can say that he is a member of the PLO. If I acknowledged that I might go to jail. But as a Palestinian journalist, I do not see any difference between the PLO and the Palestinian people. All Palestinians consider the PLO to be their representative."

Siniora, editor-in-chief of Al-Fajr, an Arabic daily that publishes a weekly edition in English, unequivocably rejects force as a means by which to solve the gnawing Palestinian question.

"Force has failed in the past to achieve a solution. I am realistic enough to understand that Israel is a reality and we have to face this reality. All Arab states, with the exception of Libya, accept Israel."

As far as Siniora is concerned, a solution lies within the grasp of Israel and the PLO.

"Both should sit down to negotiate — under an agreed formula — the borders of a Palestinian state and an Israeli state. I believe our two peoples are fated to live together. We — the Palestinians — have tried the military option. We relied on Arab states in 1948 and in 1967 and we lost every inch of Palestine.

"The Israelis, too, tried through many military campaigns to destroy the PLO and its military and other infrastructures, but they failed to achieve their aims. With all its strength, Israel is not secure. Only peace can bring it real security.

"Whether we like it or not, Palestine is a homeland for two peoples. The political approach is the only approach now. We have to give it every chance to succeed."

According to Siniora, the status quo will only harden attitudes on either side and lead to further violence and, eventually, to war.

Israel and the PLO should recognize each other simultaneously, he declared. "I know that Arafat would publicly accept Israel if Israel accepts self-determination for the Palestinian people."

In the meantime, he is cheered by Shimon Peres' recent statement that the Palestinians exist as a people. 'It's a step in the right direction."

Siniora, who knows Arafat personally, is convinced that the PLO's inclusion in the peace process will have the beneficial effect of moderating the PLO. The PLO, he argued, has come a long way since 1974, when it effectively ignored its 1968 national covenant calling for a secular state (and, by implication, Israel's destruction) and accepted a "two-state" solution within the boundaries of historic Palestine.

Life in danger when his opinions likely to offend rejectionists

In February of 1985, the PLO further scaled down its demands by agreeing to be part of a confederation with Jordan. The Amman Accords, which produced that concession, collapsed because the PLO did not openly embrace United Nations resolution 242 — the cornerstone of all diplomatic attempts since the Six Day War to defuse the Arab-Israeli dispute. Siniora claims that 242 is flawed because it regards the Palestinians as refugees, rather than as a political problem meriting self-determination.

As for the PLO's association with terrorist activities, Siniora said that Arafat, through the 1985 Cairo Declaration, renounced the use of terrorism outside the occupied areas. Israel, he claimed, does not fall within Arafat's definition of "occupied areas."

Siniora, who plans to visit Canada soon at the invitation of the department of external affairs, claims that three main obstacles stand in the way of a settlement. In no particular order, they are:

• Lack of superpower cooperation. "Regional problems can only be resolved by the U.S. and the Soviet Union in the spirit of detente, which does not exist today."

A further problem is that the Reagan administration refuses to acknowledge the Palestinians' right to self-determination. In Siniora's view, the U.S. will consider self-determination only during the course of Arab-Israeli negotiations. Washington, he added, should be a "facilitator" for such talks.

• The lack of a working relationship between Jordan and the PLO, brought on by Arafat's failure to endorse resolution 242. Of late, Siniora said, there have been glimmerings of a rapprochement. (Siniora himself is banned from visiting Jordan, since his pro-PLO position upsets the Jordanian government.)

• Political paralysis in Israel, as exemplified by the bickering in the national unity government.

The Likud bloc, he said, wants peace without relinquishing Arab territories, while the Labor Party hasn't sufficiently learned that Israel must negotiate with its enemy — the PLO.

Siniora, who considers himself a staunch Palestinian nationalist, realizes that he puts his life on the line whenever he voices opinions likely to offend radical Palestinians who reject all prospects for peace. But he is secure in the knowledge that he is working for "a noble cause."

"I have received no threats to my life so far, but I understand there are vested interests who do not want my mission to succeed.

"There are Palestinians who are willing to risk their lives for the sake of peace."

Life of "Red Rosa" had sad aura

By
ARNOLD AGES

Of Rosa Luxemburg the great Marxist critic Gyorgy Lukacs once wrote: "She was the only disciple of Marx who effectively continued his life work in both economic theory and economic method."

This praise was well deserved but somewhat surprising in that it was lavished on a Jewish girl whose bourgeois family background showed little promise of the fame that awaited her.

Rosa Luxemburg was born in 1870 in the town of Zamosc, Poland. Despite the disabilities under which Jews lived in Poland (and a personal handicap-a crippled leg) she managed to secure a fine elementary education in her home town.

The family moved to Warsaw and there she continued her high school training. She was a brilliant meditative student. In 1881 the city was rocked by a savage pogrom and her biographer Elzbieta Ettinger suggests in her new biography, *Rosa Luxemburg: A Life* (Beacon) that this event left and indelible mark on her psyche.

In Warsaw she not only honed her intellectual gifts but also became enraptured by the Polish nationalist romanticism spawned by Adam Mickiewicz and involved herself in the resurgence of the Polish nationalist spirit then suffocating under Russian authority.

At the age of 19 Rosa went off to Zurich and there encountered two influences that were to affect her for the rest of her life. The first was her doctoral studies in economics, law and political science; the second was her meeting with Leo Jogiches, a Vilna Jew who shared Rosa's radical vision of the universe.

One of the signal merits of the Ettinger portrait of Luxemburg is that in addition to analyzing Rosa's political development, she also dwells upon the personal side of her life — an element largely neglected in other works on her.

Despite the fame she soon acquired for the brilliance of her mind, Rosa Luxemburg was always preoccupied, says Ettinger, with the pursuit of bourgeois values such as marriage and family. Alas, her aspirations in this direction remain unrealized.

Her liaison with Jogiches was a common law one and her other "attachments" brought her no lasting domestic bliss. She wanted a permanent union in marriage with him: he was not interested. She never revealed to her family, moreover, that Leo was not her husband.

According to author Ettinger, Rosa's life with Jogiches had advantages beyond connubial ties. For one thing, he was a wealthy man and was unhesitating in sponsoring Rosa's studies and political activities.

Following the awarding of her doctorate, Rosa moved, in 1898, to Germany and there in the early years of the century she began to make her mark in the Socialist camp. Her incisive essays on Marxism, her spell-binding oratory and her readiness to take on all comers in the ideological contests brought her instant success.

Stamp depicting Rosa Luxemburg as "leader of the German workers' movement," issued by the East German government in 1955.

Her rhetorical skills and political radicalism earned her prison stints in Warsaw and Berlin. In Warsaw her arrest came about as a result of her involvement in an incipient revolution. In 1904 the Berlin authorities put her in jail for publicly insulting Emperor Wilhelm II. She was immured again in the German capital in 1917 when the Bolshevik Revolution took place.

Initially her response to that event was rhapsodic but she soon realized that Lenin's (she had met and admired Lenin for his intellectual finesse) application of Marxism was a cruel distortion of the dialectic. The lack of democracy she saw being incarnated in the Bolshevik regime was anathema to her. Rosa Luxemburg, we are told by her biographer, always believed that the revolution was to bring a more humane social system.

The other thing which gravely disappointed her was the reaction of her German Socialist colleagues to the prospect of war in 1914 and then to the war itself. She was stunned to see her beloved Socialist internationalism replaced by Teutonic patriotism. This caused her to denounce Germany's prosecution of the war and it earned her much enmity, in addition to her prison term.

On her release from prison in 1919 Rosa plunged into German politics again; she helped form the Spartacist League — which became the German Communist Party. In her zeal to promote her Socialist scenarios Rosa became oblivious to the hatred that was being directed at her as a Jew, as a Pole and as a Communist.

In 1919, on the way to prison once again, Rosa Luxemburg was assassinated by a Lieutenant Vogel, one of the many disaffected German army officers who saw in "Red Rosa" the symbol of everything that was wicked in German society. Her body was tossed into a river and it took several days for her body to be identified.

What of her Jewish roots?

She ignored the anti-semitic taunts directed at her in Germany. She ridiculed the efforts of a comrade, Tadeuzs Radwanski, a Gentile, who learned Yiddish to communicate with the Jewish working class. Rosa called Yiddish that "old Swabian dialect corrupted by a smattering of Hebrew words and garbed Polish vernacular."

Her most ungracious remark about Jews came, however, in a letter written in prison during the First World War. Responding to a description of the suffering of the Jews of Zamosc, Rosa says: "Why do you dwell on the special suffering of the Jews? The poor victims of rubber plantations in Putumayo, the Negroes in Africa, whose bodies Europeans use to play a game of ball, are just as close to me."

In the end there is an aura of sadness which hovers over her life. Rosa Luxemburg gave her all for the Socialist Internationale and her reward was meagre. Like so many other Jews of her generation she chose to labor in the vineyards of others.

What a contribution she might have made to her own people!

Opinion

Great to breathe again our crisp winter air

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Yes, my highly esteemed readers, it is wonderful to have safely escaped the debilitating Florida weather and to breathe again the invigorating Canadian winter air.

Glad to be back and hope that you are too.

Ah, I said gleefully as I saw my frosty breath in the air when I stepped from the airport into our beloved wintery scene. Wonderful, I exclaimed, I am once again alive, alert and ready to get on with it (whatever the "it" may mean).

J. B. Salsberg

My delight was enhanced by the sight of snow patches along the roadside as we drove into the city. In fact, I asked my brother Nat, who was dressed in proper winter attire, to drive slowly so that I may savor fully the glorious sight of the "Queen of the Snows."

From all that I said so far, some readers, especially the uninvited transient ones, may conclude that I really have an incurably hostile attitude towards Florida. Heaven is my witness that I am free of any such prejudices. Indeed, I heartily recommend it to all who really need it. But it is, nevertheless, a topsy-turvy world there. Everything seems unreal. It is, in short, a modern Chelm. For instance:

Item: When it's winter everywhere it's summer (or almost) there!

Item: Everywhere people eat to live, but in Florida people seem to live in order to eat.

It's the most favorite topic there among the visitors. Is it for the lack of anything else to do or is it a Chelmer way of socializing? "When do we eat" and "where do we eat tonight" is what one hears most among the visiting masses.

Item: Where in the world would one see thousands of people who live normal lives at home, stand patiently in line for hours in order to get into their selected eating place of the day? Only in Florida — Chelm, can one encounter such incredible scenes. I have seen such docile people shouted at and regimented by Sgt.-Major types (both male and female) who are in charge of the admission doors. Yet the cash customers take it all with a smile!

Item: Where, but in Florida's Chelm can one find Jews who exhaust themselves at home in the endless merry-go-round of Jewish social, cultural and fund-raising campaigns (to the point where they need a vacation) immerse themselves in similar activities when they reach Florida? In fact, in the winter months Florida becomes the world centre of Jewish campaigning for every conceivable Jewish cause. Isn't it odd? It's beyond all laws of nature and man. It's Chelm!

Item: Where, but in Florida will one read an advertisement in the largest local English newspaper, in which a certain character makes known that he arranges **"conversions in one day"** in his **"Jewish & intermarriage centre?"** Only in Florida! This out-Chelms Chelm!

Item: Florida has gained the unenviable reputation of being one of the main crime centres in America. The late media news of the day reads and looks like communiques from the Iraq-Iran war front!

True that neither I, nor any of my friends, nor anyone of my hotel, nor anyone else **of any other hotel or guest house** have been molested — day or night. But, one can't enter any multiple residential building, day or night, without going through the most rigid scrutiny by the scrutiny inspectors (who see you through video screens), open the door, or let you enter an elevator.

I believe that the private "security" business is one of the most flourishing industries in that part of the world.

Item: In Florida the jail population exceeds the capacities of its jails. The civil and law enforcement bodies of Florida tried to meet the crisis by putting its lawbreakers in tents. But the courts ruled that tents were unlawful. So what do the wise men of Chelm-Florida do? They decided to release enough prisoners each week, even though they hadn't completed their sentences, in order to make room for the convicted ones who were waiting in line to get in! Bravo, I said, when this typically Chelmer logic was enacted into law by the specially convened state assembly; But, I wondered, who was it that supplied them with the Chelmer code of logic and law?

This itemization of curious Florida items, based on only four weeks of observation, could go on and on. But my good uncle Eliezer, who has his own troubles with Florida, turned his head with a smile on his face, as if to say, enough is enough, my dear nephew! I smiled back at him, as if to say why? And he, the wise uncle that he is, went on to explain.

You see, he said smilingly, you must remember that the way you describe Florida as a modern Chelm is excellent fare for the privileged, the sophisticated and the permanent devotees of this exclusive corner of the paper. They are wise, they have a sense of humor and they enjoy sardonic wit.

But, my dear nephew, there are also the transient readers who wander into this exclusive area, who have no imagination and are totally devoid of a sense of humor, the Chelmer in our midst, who have simplistic minds and who will think that you, and not they, are Chelmer. So I say, he continued, stop. Postpone your further comments on Florida for next year.

I always listen to my uncle's advice and will also do so now. **To be continued next year.**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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HE BLASTS REFUGEE BAN

As members of the Canadian Jewish community, we strongly protest the new restrictions on refugees.

As we have told Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, it is better to risk allowing a thousand into Canada who may not be persecuted, than to wrongly send even one back to death, torture or imprisonment.

Since the Holocaust and the days when the Canadian policy was a restrictive "None is Too Many," this country has taken in thousands of refugees.

In the spirit of the Nansen Award, we must continue this humanitarian policy.

Ken Wyman
New Jewish Agenda
Canadian Chapter
Toronto

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WOMEN CANTORS? LAST STRAW!

Re your Feb. 19 article headed "Women can be chazzans in Conservative synagogues":

As much as I hate to see a further disagreement between Jews, it appears to me that the traditional section of the Conservative movement will have to go on its own to preserve basic ideas.

The decision by the Jewish Theological Seminary to grant women diplomas to act as chazzans is the last straw and makes a split now unavoidable.

Peter Bruckstein
Toronto

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RAGES AT THEIR OUTRAGE

I am writing in response to a full page ad entitled Protect the Innocent, which appeared in the Globe and Mail Feb. 2, suggesting that "millions of Canadians are outraged" by the investigation of Nazi war criminals in Canada.

I found the message to be inflammatory and a distortion of reality.

To me, it is totally reprehensible to suggest that individuals, who should not have been admitted to this country in the first place because of heinous crimes, be allowed to enjoy the privilege of Canadian citizenship due to lapse of time.

At a time when neo-Nazism is rearing its ugly head, and when some pretend the Holocaust never occurred, failing to bring war criminals to justice vindicates old Nazis and encourages new ones.

Sheila Finestone MP
Ottawa

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NUMBED BY THEIR MISERY?

I was pleased to read Richard Cohen's excellent Feb. 19 column from Washington headed "Society is becoming inured to misery of the homeless."

I'd like to reaffirm the author's basic premise: We've become desensitized — the sheer numbers of people forced to live on the streets has dulled our sense of our fellow man.

Yet this attitude, I contend, perpetuates the problem, because it snuffs out the will to speak up and pressure government into action.

Perhaps it's human nature to deal with seemingly unreconcilable problems by turning away from them.

But it's this form of the numb conscience that sucks out our ability to want to change the state of things.

Let's turn toward the homeless and challenge ourselves.

David Bronfman
Toronto

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REBBE RIGHT ON HOMOSEXUALS

Re Dr. Philip B. Berger's Feb. 10 letter headed "Homosexual claim is nonsense":

Berger claims that Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Schneerson's concept of homosexuality as a sickness "runs contrary to the conclusions of modern medicine and sociology."

As a clinical psychologist, I am aware of how psychiatrists disagree on this subject.

The first two editions of the American Psychiatric Association's *Diagnostic Manual* classified homosexuality as a sexual deviation. After intense lobbying by gay activists groups, the psychiatrists voted (modern scientific device!) that homosexuality is no longer an illness.

Bayer (*Homosexuality & American Psychiatry: The Politics of Diagnosis*, Basic Books, 1981) has summarized: "Instead of being engaged in a sober consideration of data, psychiatrists were swept up in political controversy."

In contrast with these conclusions of modern medicine, the Rebbe's arguments are based on unprejudiced logic and rationale.

As members of the eternal Jewish nation, we are privileged to possess a divine Torah to teach us right from wrong. As members of the current Jewish nation, we are privileged to possess a Lubavitcher Rebbe who fearlessly guides us in the Torah path in the face of various shades of political opportunists.

Dr. Leon Steiner
Toronto

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LAUDS RABBI IRWIN WITTY

Rabbi Irwin Witty has been criticized by some of your readers because he participated in a dialogue with a Reform rabbi. Yet Rabbi Witty is executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, a body made up of Jewish schools from all segments of the community.

The Toronto Jewish community gains strength in performing the mitzvah of educating our children by working together and not against each other.

I pray that Rabbi Witty will continue to stand up for cooperation, secure in the knowledge that many in the community applaud his efforts.

Marcia Zalev
Toronto

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CHEERS FOR CHINSKY

I was gratified to read the Feb. 12 article entitled "Fund established to send kids, seniors to camp."

Miriam Chinksy is to be commended for her thoughtful and perceptive portrait of John Bernstein, former executive director of The Jewish Camp Council of Toronto.

Ellen Nash
Toronto

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SEEKS RELIGIOUS SCHOOL GRADS

We are seeking the names of graduates of Yavneh Academy, Paramus, New Jersey (formerly located in Paterson, NJ).

In 1987, we will begin celebrating the 45th anniversary of the founding of Yavneh.

If you are, or know of, one of our graduates, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please send names, addresses and year of graduation to Alumni, Yavneh Academy, 155 Farview Ave., Paramus, New Jersey 07652, or call 201-262-8494.

Chanoch Shudofsky
Paramus, NJ

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NAZIS NOT SPLIT PERSONALITIES

In the recent review in the Montreal edition by Arnold Ages of a book written by Robert Jay Lifton, mention was made of Nazi doctors being able to function as two different people — one as normal dedicated physicians, the other as psychotic killers.

This brings to mind something that happened in a middle-class suburb of Athens. A 10-year-old girl had been deathly sick with diphtheria and her parents' desperate search for medication and nourishing food was miraculously answered by a "kindly" German doctor.

He visited his young patient regularly, brought medicine and food, talked encouragingly to the parents, told them how he hated the war and how he missed his wife and daughter, who was also 10 years old.

On Oct. 22, 1944, he made a final visit to his young patient who was by now well on the road to recovery. He said goodbye to the parents and told them his outfit was pulling out because an Allied landing was imminent. (True, my squadron got there two days later.)

Leaving the house, the doctor saw a little girl writing something on the pavement with chalk.

There was a slogan on the wall facing her, wartime Europe was a great place for chalked or painted slogans on walls, and the Greek child was industriously copying the message onto the pavement, even though she couldn't read it and had no idea what it meant.

But the kindly Nazi doctor knew very well the meaning of "Deutchland ist Kaput," and, in casually controlled anger, he took out his revolver and blew the head off the unsuspecting little girl. Then, just as casually, he walked away.

My anecdote is a tiny drop in what was a raging ocean of mindless violence, unremitting brutality, uncontrolled terror, and unimaginable death. All indulged in by people who belonged to a highly cultured society. But who made their own laws when they put on their brown, black or gray uniforms.

R. Charad
Jewish War Veterans of Canada
Montreal

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A SALUTE TO SPEISMAN

We would like to thank you for Leila Speisman's excellent and comprehensive coverage you gave Toronto's She'arim Hebrew Day School and the issue of learning problems as a whole, in your recent education supplement.

Elaine Rubinoff
Toronto

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HAYMISHE PRAISE FOR ART

Thank you for Mark Dodick's fine Feb. 5 article about my exhibition of acrylic paintings of aquatic subjects displayed at the Toronto Makonde Gallery under the collective title "An Early Spring Thaw," which date back to the years I spent in Hawaii.

Several people mentioned to me that they had read it and how proud they were (you know, in that haymishe way).

Anyway, it was well written and you might get a kick out of knowing that every single one of The CJN copies at the Makonde Gallery opening were taken, which was a pleasant surprise.

Laurence Cherniak
Toronto

Artist Laurence Cherniak writes appreciation of "haymishe" response to article about his exhbition, including above painting titled "A View From The Deep."

World-National

Mazon Canada forms aid panel

TORONTO — Mazon Canada, established last fall to coordinate a Jewish response to hunger in this country, announced the formation of an allocations committee to oversee its granting process.

The committee will meet for the first time at the beginning of April to consider grant applications from organizations and groups across Canada involved in meeting the needs of the hungry.

Roger Hyman, Mazon's executive director, said the committee will have the following members: Frank Dimant, executive vice-president, B'nai B'rith of Canada; Dr. Anne Golden, director of planning allocations and government relations, The United Way of Greater Toronto; Phineas Schwartz, Goodman and Goodman; Rabbi Daniel Siegel, executive director, B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, University of British Columbia; and Gordon Wolfe, executive director, Jewish Family & Child Services of Metropolitan Toronto.

Hyman said that the Mazon concept of encouraging synagogue congregation members to tithe a suggested 3% of their simchas "is slowly but surely being adopted by synagogues across the country."

He said that congregations from all denominations have agreed to participate in the program, and listed the following participating synagogues:

Adath Israel, Toronto; Temple Anshe Sholom, Hamilton; Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, Toronto; Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, Toronto; Beth Sholom, Toronto; Darchei Noam, Toronto; Dorshei Emet, Montreal; Temple Emanu-El, Willowdale; Temple Emanu-El Beth Sholom, Montreal; Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto; Or Shalom, London; Shaarei Beth-El, Oakville; Shaar Shalom, Thornhill; and Solel Congregation, Mississauga; and Temple Har Zion, Thornhill.

Hyman said that the boards of several other synagogues, including those in Windsor, Vancouver and Montreal, are in the process of passing resolutions in support of Mazon affiliation. He also announced that Rabbis Erwin Schild of Toronto and Daniel Siegel of Vancouver had joined the board of directors of the organization.

As a mark of the enthusiasm with which the Mazon idea is being received, the executive director quoted from a letter which accompanied a recent donation: "This check represents 3% of our family's January food bill. We have decided that being able to eat every day constitutes a simcha."

"I hope," said Hyman, "that this marvelous example will be picked up. It tells us that there are all kinds of ways to share our simchas with the hungry."

Those interested in contacting Mazon Canada should call (416) 783-7554.

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NEW YORK (JTA) — Mazon has announced its second semi-annual grant of $85,000 to help alleviate hunger in the U.S.

Funds will be awarded to feeding centres and food banks in Los Angeles, Indianapolis, Baltimore, Washington, DC, New Orleans, Cambridge, Me., Santa Fe, and Pomona, Calif., says Mazon national chairman Theodore Mann.

In addition, two grants totaling $10,000 were made for short- and long-term food aid to the remaining Jews in Ethiopia, Mann said. The organization was founded in June 1986 with an initial grant of $20,000.

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480,000 in North America: report

Yordim claim "astonishing"

NEW YORK (JTA) — A new report by the Israeli ministry of labor puts the number of Israeli yordim (immigrants) in the United States and Canada at about 480,000, the highest-ever official Israeli estimate.

The report, recently submitted to Labor and Welfare Minister Moshe Katzav by Consul Amos Haddad, head of the labor ministry delegation in the United States, characterized the new estimate as "astonishing."

It said that the number was derived from information supplied by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) authorities and files from the Israeli consulates in the United States and Canada.

According to the report, in December 1986 alone about 70,000 Israelis were registered at INS, awaiting the immigrant status that includes the coveted green card that will allow them to work. The report noted that INS data shows that from 1966-79, 96,000 Israelis received the status of immigrants, while 30,000 more were granted the same status between 1980-86.

The new estimate of 480,000 yordim includes the American-born children of the Israeli immigrants and Israelis who immigrated to the United States and Canada after living for many years in other countries, former Israeli students and academicians who came to study here and then remained, and "many Israelis who live in the United States illegally," the report said.

The report claimed that about 50,000 Israeli immigrants are living in Canada, in addition to "many" illegal Israelis.

Barbie war crimes trial starts May 11 in Lyons

PARIS (JTA) — Klaus Barbie, the Butcher of Lyons, will go on trial May 11 in that same city which he ruled and terrorized as Gestapo chief during the German occupation of France in World War II.

He is charged with war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Barbie has been confined to a maximum security prison, St. Luc Fort, in Lyons, since he was taken into French custody after his ouster from Bolivia in February 1983. Over the past four years, several dates have been set for his trial, only to be postponed as prosecution and defence lawyers sifted through thousands of documents and battled over legal technicalities.

A turning point occurred last year, when the Supreme Court ruled that crimes committed against resistance fighters could be considered crimes against humanity, not subject to the 20-year statute of limitations.

Barbie is held responsible for the murder of a French resistance leader as well as for the deportation to death camps of 894 Lyons civilians, most of them Jews, including more than 100 children.

A special courtroom is being enlarged in preparation for the trial. It will accommodate lawyers, the media, more than 100 individuals who have filed private charges against Barbie and an estimated 700 spectators. Police said stringent security measures would be taken during the trial. Only people with passes will be admitted.

Baker considered friendly to Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Former Senator Howard Baker, who recently began his duties as White House chief of staff, was considered friendly toward Israel during his 18 years in the Senate.

However, the 61-year-old Tennessee Republican was not considered among the leading supporters of Israel in Congress. In particular, Baker rejected efforts to deny arms to Arab countries that were considered enemies of Israel. As Senate majority leader in 1981, he was instrumental in preventing Senate rejection of the Reagan administration's sale of AWACs and other sophisticated equipment to Saudi Arabia.

In 1978, Baker also voted against the effort to block the Carter administration's sale of F-15s to the Saudis and F-5Es to Egypt.

Thus, in his new post, Baker is expected to reinforce the administration's policy of support for Israel while providing arms to such Arab countries as Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

NOTICE

Rose Herzog (Goldberg) Anyone having knowledge of next of kin of the late Rose Herzog daughter of Paula & Philip Goldberg, born in Latvia, wife of Bernard Herzog, whose last place of residence was 666 Spadina Ave., who died April 16/85.

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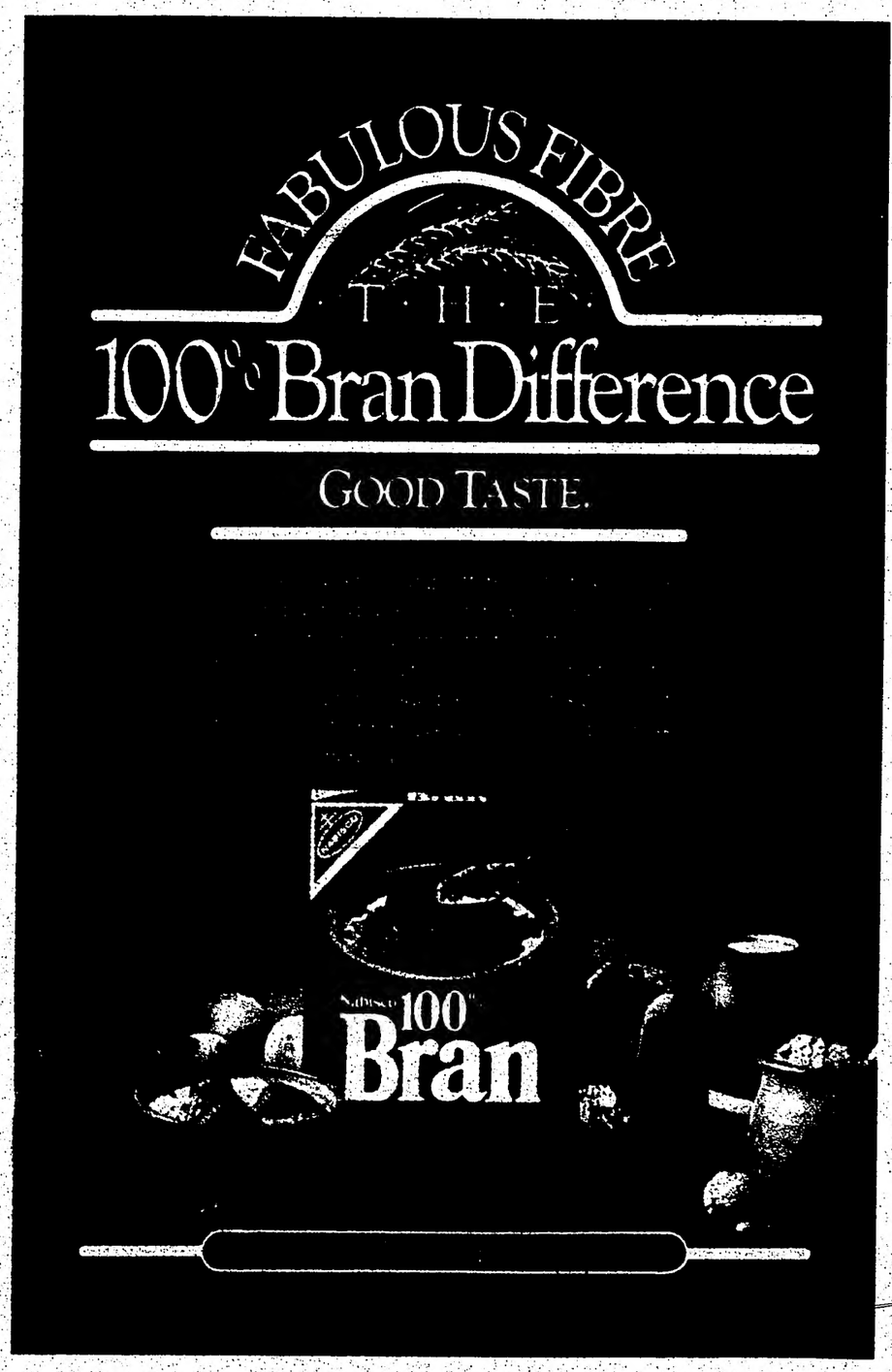

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Clown prince of comedy dies at 74

Danny Kaye sparkled as beloved Jewish jester

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Unlike other great clowns of the past, he didn't wear funny clothes, fall on his prat, throw custard pies, or even borrow antique gags from Joe Miller's Joke Book.

His chief comic talents were a Silly Putty face that was marvelously expressive, a nimble tongue that could race through a git-gat-gittle nonsense scat song like greased lightning, and a maniacal sense of satire that appealed to the lunacy in us all and resulted in what critics called "utter Kayeos."

Danny Kaye, who began as a tumler in a Borscht Belt resort hotel in the New York Catskills singing a Yiddish parody version of *The Mikado* and wound up a world renowned and beloved Jewish jester, died last week of a heart attack at 74.

At his bedside in Cedars-Sinai Medical Centre in Los Angeles were Sylvia Fine, his wife, song writer and driving goad for 37 years, and their daughter, Dena.

In a career that spanned five decades and embraced every entertainment medium short of mud wrestling, he clowned his way through 17 movies; won four Emmy awards for his weekly TV *Danny Kaye Show* in the 1960s; a special Academy Award in 1981 for his humanitarian achievements; and in 1984, along with his friends Isaac Stern and Arthur Miller, was presented with a John F. Kennedy arts ribbon and medal in Washington by President Ronald Reagan.

The American Symphony Orchestra League presented him with the prestigious Golden Baton Award for raising $6 million for musicians' pension plans. Though he couldn't read a note of music or play a single instrument, he was a madcap symphony conductor for orchestras around the world, from Israel to Toronto.

For the New York Philharmonic, he conducted *Flight of the Bumblebee* with a flexible red flyswatter.

Over the past 30 years, the clown prince of comedy won an additional reputation as roving goodwill ambassador for UNICEF, the UN organization that aids sick and needy children.

"It's the most rewarding thing I've done," said Kaye.

In 1983, he was given the title of "Pied Piper to the children of the world." That sobriquet was in the citation when Queen Margrethe of Denmark knighted him for his movie portrayal of Hans Christian Andersen, the Danish storyteller.

Publicly, for the first 30 years of his career, Kaye, born David Daniel Kaminsky in Brooklyn's slum Jewish ghetto, remained a steadfast closet Jew.

Rather haughtily, he renounced playing what he called "ethnic roles" and refused to portray Nathan Detroit in the movie version of *Guys And Dolls* because he felt it was too Jewish.

In 1967, when Israel faced the Six Day War, he joyfully came out of the closet, entertaining the troops with Israeli songs and Yiddish humor.

He did the same in 1973, when Israelis fought the Yom Kippur War, rejoicing in his Jewishness.

Kaye soaked up his Jewish humor from his parents, Jacob and Chaya Kaminsky, immigrants from the Russian *shtetl* of Ekaterinoslav. His father had been a horse trader in the Old Country and became a struggling tailor in the sweatshops of New York's 7th Ave.

Years later, vacationing in Florida, Jacob matched ghettos and tried to out-*kvell* with pride the father of another famous Jewish comedian who had also done rather well in the New World — Benjamin Kubelsky, better known as Jack Benny.

Pulling funny faces

Like many comedians, young Danny was a shy introvert when offstage, endowed with a streak of melancholy and a whole slab of underlying insecurity. "I was the sort of painfully bashful kid who stood behind the guys who whistled at the girls," he later recalled.

But even at public school, the skinny redhead with the Pinnochio nose was a standout in a blackface minstrel show, singing *Ballin' The Jack*, a ditty that he picked up from the neighborhood kids.

In 1934, at the height of the Depression and using the stage name of Red, the young song-and-dance man was part of an act called *La Vie Paree*, booked of all places to tour Japan and China.

Confronted with non-English-speaking audiences, he developed the art of pulling funny faces, pantomiming and scat singing — a form of loony gibberish he borrowed from Cab Calloway's version of *Minnie The Moocher*.

Back in the U.S., he refined his art of buffoonery at Max Liebman's Camp Tamiment, a resort that staged original comedy revues every week, with talented graduates that included Imogene Coca and Neil Simon.

There he blossomed under the tutelage of Sylvia Fine, a Brooklyn-born pianist and songwriter with a gift for social satire and droll parody.

Kaye appeared in 10 of her sketches for *The Strawhat Revue* which opened on Broadway doing her tongue-twisting lyrics.

Some of the tunes she wrote then became perpetual standbys in the record albums he later waxed. *Anatole of Paris* told of a hat designer — "the result of the twisted eugenics of this family of inbred schizophrenics." Anatole's father played the oboe "which, it is clearly understood, is an ill wind that no one blows good."

Her other charming patter songs included *The Little Fiddle* ("who was so excited he had a big cadenza") and *Manic Depressive Pictures Present* (a takeoff on the credits of an MGM musical, including "nicknackery by Thackeray" and "Dickery by Dock").

After their marriage the next year, he jocularly called himself a "wife-made man," and pointing to her added, "She has a Fine head on my shoulders."

"At home, Danny's definitely the boss," Sylvia told the New York Times. "But at the theatre I'm the boss. And I tell him and he takes it."

Unfortunately, as he became a rising star in the Hollywood films that followed, his ego likewise soared, and their stormy marriage of conflicting temperaments endured at least one separation and many bitter squalls.

His showbiz career similarly waxed and waned over the years. He was probably at his peak and his best as a solo stage performer in the 1950s and 1960s.

He was the first single performer to be starred at Toronto's Canadian National Exhibition, selling out the 24,000-seat grandstand at each of his 14 appearances and earning what was then considered a fantastic $70,000.

He was Britain's darling when doing his musichall shows at the London Palladium. He drew 100,000 letters a week; was applauded repeatedly by the entire Royal Family; kibitzed onstage with Winston Churchill and Sir Laurence Olivier; played charades with Bernard Shaw; and was cast in wax at Tussaud's Museum.

He will probably be remembered most fondly for two of his movies: as the wistful daydreamer in James Thurber's *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*, forever escaping childlike to wonderful worlds of heroic adventure with a pocket-ta, pocket-ta, pocket-ta; and as the exquisitely adaptable, middle-aged Jewish refugee escaping from Hitler's minions with an arrogant Polish officer in Franz Werfel's light comedy, *Jacobowsky and the Colonel*.

Danny Kaye, the royal Jewish jester who died at 74, is shown conducting the Danish Royal Orchestra in 1977. [Canapress photo]

Without question, his most moving TV role was the last one he played in that medium. It was in 1981, when he was 68, in CBS-TV's *Skokie*. It was a drama taken from real life in which not a prat falls, no rubbery face is twisted, and no scat song is sung.

Making use of his keen ear for dialects, Kaye portrayed a Polish-Jewish Holocaust survivor who protests with quiet dignity the attempt by American Nazis to stage a march in the Illinois town of Skokie.

It was as though all the sadness and joy of his Jewishness which he had kept submerged for so many years was allowed finally to rise to the surface, and it was a truly majestic peformance for the onetime clown prince.

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World-National

Foreign Minister Peres acknowledges:

Israel made "big mistake" in Pollard affair

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tions. Pollard "undertook his actions because he believed he was doing good for both the United States and Israel," Mrs. Pollard said. Mrs. Pollard said that after her husband called her on Nov. 18, 1985, she turned to her husband's handler, Israeli Air Force Col. Aviem Sella, for help.

This allowed the Israelis involved to leave the country. A U.S. court has indicated Sella, now a brigadier-general and recently named commander of a major Israeli air base, on three charges of espionage.

He is not expected to stand trial, unless he returns to the U.S.

The attorneys for the two Pollards argued that both of their clients had been threatened in prison, partly as a result of anti-semitism, and had to be kept in isolation.

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In Jerusalem, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said the trial "was not the trial of a nation, but of an individual." He noted that Israel "had made it clear before the trial" that Pollard's case was a big mistake. "The error was big, but it remains an individual case and I would not draw any collective responsibility from it."

Labor MK Abba Eban, chairman of the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee, and its former chairman, Likud MK Eliahu Ben-Elissar, agreed that the case had damaged Israel's special relationship with the U.S.

"This might be the toughest time in the history of Israel's foreign relations," said Eban, a former foreign minister.

He stressed the "terrible responsibility" of those who had mounted the Pollard spy operation. He demanded that government explain why it appointed one of them, Rafi Eitan, to the prestigious civilian post of chairman of Israel Chemicals, and why another, Air Force Col. Avem Sella, recently was promoted.

Ben-Elissar, once a Mossad operative, called for a thorough investigation of the role of Israelis in Pollard's spy operation. Premier Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud leader, went on record this week as opposed to any further inquiry. "I do not underestimate the gravity of the damage" to U.S.-Israeli relations, Ben-Elissar said. He said it would be long-lasting and that the "aspect of dual loyalties" would be harmful for American Jews.

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin apologized to the U.S. government and people for the Pollard affair.

"The government of Israel apologized in the past, apologizes today, to the United States, its people, its government for what happened," Rabin said in a prepared statement he read in English.

The minister refused to answer reporters' questions.

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In a separate development, the District Court in Manhattan has allowed the four Israelis indicted here for conspiracy to sell American weapons to Iran to return to Israel until their trial, scheduled to begin May 18.

The permission of the court hinged on an assurance from the Israeli government that it would not prevent the defendants from returning to America for the trial. Although Israel refused initially, the court receiving a letter recently containing the necessary assurances.

Guri and Israel Eisenberg, Brig.-Gen. Avraham Bar-Am and William Northrop were indicted in April, along with 13 other defendants, on charges of conspiracy to resell about $2 billion of American weapons stored in arsenals of other countries to Iran.

The defendants have close ties to several key players in the U.S. government-sanctioned arms sales, including the Iranian intermediaries Adnan Khashoggi and Manucher Ghorbanifar. Sam Evans, the alleged middleman in the conspiracy, was Khashoggi's lawyer for many years. The relationship of the defendants to those involved in the U.S.-approved deal will likely be a central issue in the trial.

Knesset debate heats up

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the Tehiya Party, was opposed.

Peres warned that to reject the international conference option would be to kill chances of progress toward peace. He recalled he said this at many public forums when he was Premier and that his position was accepted by the government and Knesset.

He accused Shamir of being disingenuous by pretending now that this is a departure from government policy.

Peres told the Knesset: "I have no intention of withdrawing from the idea of an international peace conference." Mk Yossi Sarid, of the CRM, urged Peres to "take a few more steps" in the direction of peace. Tehiya MK Geula Cohen said Peres should "face reality," which does not allow for peace.

The session was adjourned for an hour to allow tempers to cool after Peres and Milo exchanged insults. "What have you ever done for the country?" Peres asked the Likud MK, who is a deputy prime minister.

He spoke to reporters outside the Knesset, where the mothers of 11 Refuseniks were on a hunger strike to protest the refusal of the Soviet authorities to grant exit visas to their families to join them in Israel.

Peres visited the protesters to encourage them. "We are trying every possible avenue, from approaching (U.S.) senators, members of cabinet, heads of state on an individual basis, and we are also approaching the Soviet authorities on a collective basis," Peres said.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years.

In a series of articles Mr. Catzman reports on his research. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto M4P 1P1.

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KOWARSKI — GETZ

Today I deal with the surname of two distinguished emigres from South Africa who have enriched the culture of the Canadian Jewish community.

Cantor Paul H. Kowarsky of Beth Tzedec Congregation of Toronto is one of Canada's leading chazannim. He is also a member of the bar of South Africa. In both professions, he acts as a spokesman and special pleader for others. His name derives from the the town of Kowary in southern Poland near the border of Czechoslovakia.

Leon Getz, a prominent lawyer of Vancouver, bears a surname that may derive from one of two sources — the acronymic G'TZ from Gabbai Tzedakah (the overseer of charitable funds) or Ger Tzedek (the righteous Gentile), a convert to Judaism.

There is a suggestion that the name may emanate from place names like Goetzenhofen in Germany or Goetzendorf in Austria. This seems implausible because Goetze in German means an idol or false deity, which is taboo in the Hebrew religion.

Never took watch

"I never took a watch," Milo replied, a reference to a gift Peres admits he received from businessman David Balas, who is facing trial in Tel Aviv for fraud. Peres has long since returned the watch, which he said he accepted because he didn't want to offend Balas.

In another development, Peres said that Israel was "trying every possible avenue" to pressure the Soviet Union to allow Jews to emigrate.

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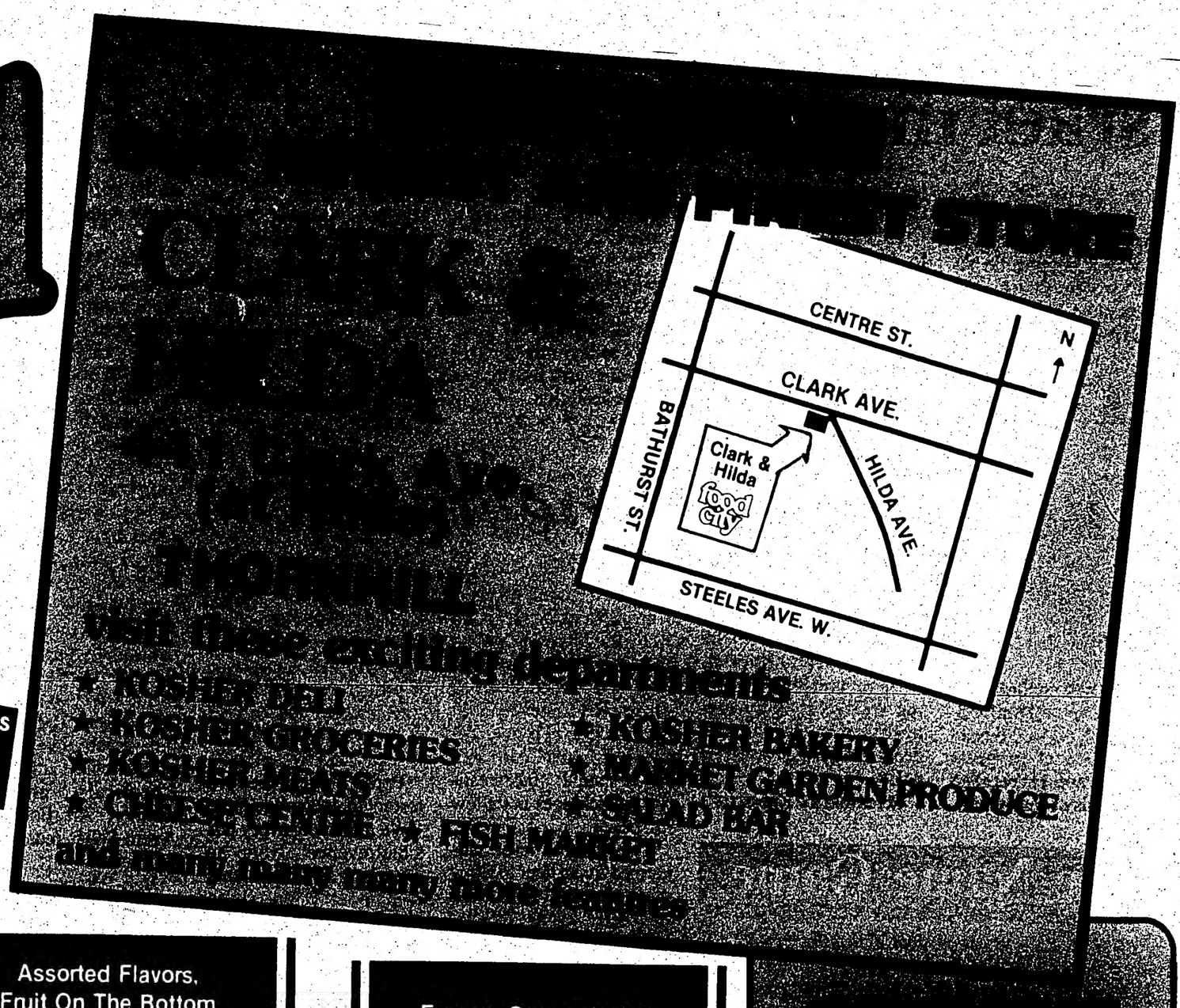

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Organizations and People

What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

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Thursday, March 12

LOLA JULITTA KANE IN CONCERT

Semi-classical Jewish and Hebrew music will be performed by concert pianist Lola Julitta Kane, during a musical evening, 6.45 p.m., Thursday, March 12, at the Terrace Gardens. 3705 Bathurst St. Everyone is welcome.

ONTARIO LUPUS ASSOCIATON

Ontario Lupus Association Coping/Support Group meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month. They start 7.30 p.m. and take place at The Ontario Lupus Association, 250 Bloor St. E., Suite 401, Toronto. The next meeting is Thursday, March 12.

For further information call 967-1414.

Saturday, March 14

BEACH PURIM CARNIVAL

Beach Hebrew Institute — Beach Synagogue, 109 Kenilworth Ave., (two blocks east of Woodbine, just south of Queen), welcomes you to its Purim Carnival, 7 p.m., Saturday, March 14, with games for the youngsters, seasonal refreshments and reading of the Megillah. At 9.30 a.m., Sunday, March 15, the Megillah will be read again.

Come down and discover the special appeal of this small shul near the lake.

TZAVTA KIBBUTZ CENTRE

Imagine yourself winning the best costume prize. Your opportunity can come alive at the exciting Purim Disco Party, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Tzavta Kibbutz Centre, 1111 Finch Ave. W., Suite 158.

Refreshments will be served and there is parking on the premises. Don't miss a great party!

For more details call Tzavta Kibbutz representative, **Yigal Gilboa**, 736-1339.

NARAYEVER PURIM BASH

The First Narayever Congregation invites the community to its Downtown Purim Bash, Saturday, March 14. Megillah reading begins at 7.30 p.m., followed by a party.

Remember to wear costumes and bring noisemakers.

The Narayever is located at 187 Brunswick Ave. (at Harbord St.) For more information call **Reesha**, 785-3363.

NEW CHAIRPERSONS

Glennie Lindenberg (left), immediate past co-chairperson of United Jewish Appeal Business and Professional Women's Network, is shown with newly-appointed chairpersons at the recent B & P installation. Barbara Barak (centre) and Marilyn Gotfrid were installed for the coming year.

JCC GRANT

Bernard J. Kamin (left), president of the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, accepts an Ontario grant check for $20,175 to develop a functional budget for the JCC, presented by Monte Kwinter, minister of consumer and commercial relations and financial institutions.

SHAAR SHALOM YOUTH SHABBAT

Shaar Shalom Synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., (Don Mills just north of Steeles), celebrates a special Youth Shabbat, March 14, when the synagogue's teenagers will lead and participate in the services and read the Torah. Everyone is welcome.

Services begin at 9 a.m.

3 - SYNAGOGUE PURIM

In a unique effort to mark Purim celebrations in Toronto, three synagogue congregations will join together Saturday night, March 14, for a re-enactment of the Megillah. The congregations are all part of the city's growing egalitarian Jewish community. Members of Conservative Congregation Shaarei Haim, Reconstructionist Congregation Darchei Noam and Conservative Kehillat Ahavat Hesed, hope that this will be the first of many joint activities which will be open to all members of the Jewish community.

As well as reading the Megillah, some theatrically inclined members of the three congregations will do a dramatic presentation of certain chapters.

The community is invited to join congregation members in wearing costumes (not only the youngsters), and you will be welcomed by clowns, Queen Esther, and other noted personalities.

Celebrations start 7.30 p.m. at the B'nai B'rith Building, 15 Hove St. (Bathurst-Sheppard area), with the Havdalah service led by **Rabbi Deborah Brin** and **Rabbi Lawrence Troster**. The evening promises to be a most exciting Adloyadah.

To inquire further contact **Jack Haft**, 737-3080, **Eric Mendelsohn**, 783-6043, or **Shawn Zevit**, 782-1840.

ALUMA PURIM PARTY

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club invites you to a Purim party with sit-down dinner and dancing to the **Paul Mathew Trio**, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14 in the Assembly Room of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave.

For tickets, $12.50 per person, contact **Ephraim Dloomy**, 631-7546 or **Aharon Dahary**, 226-9208.

SHABBAT ZACHOR SERVICE

Beth Tzedec Congregation is presenting its annual very special service to commemorate Shabbat Zachor (the Sabbath of Remembrance).

This is when we recall the persecution of the Jewish people by **Amelek** in bibilical times and pray for the Jews held hostage in Syria today. Sephardim and Ashkenazim come together to worship.

On Saturday, March 14, Moroccan-born guest **Cantor Aharon Ben Shushan**, who is serving in New York City, and Beth Tzedec's **Cantor Paul Kowarsky**, will assist in a blend of Sephardi and Ashkenazi traditions.

Prof. Alfred Ivry, of Brandeis University, will speak on Jews Under Islam.

For more information, contact the synagogue at 781-3511.

Sunday, March 15

BOOK FAIR INVENTORY SALE

Book lovers, there will be bargains galore as prices are slashed at the Jewish Book Fair Inventory Sale, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, March 15 in the Jewish Community Centre, second floor, 4588 Bathurst St.

Here is an opportunity to buy children's books, cookbooks, gift books, art books — and save.

PURIM AT BETH SHOLOM

There will be no Brotherhood breakfast this day. Everyone is invited to attend the Purim Carnival in the assembly hall (upstairs) from noon-3 p.m. , with games, prizes and clowns galore.

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Everyone, ages 3-103, is invited and admission is free.

Monday, March 16

TEHILLA MEETING

Religious-Secular Dialogue in Israel, will be examined by **Prof. Menes** Department of Science Education, Bar Ilan University, and **Prof. Nevo**, Department of Middle Eastern History, University of Haifa, at the Tehilla meeting, 8.30 p.m., Monday, March 16. Location is 445 York Hill Blvd., Thornhill.

There is no charge and everyone is welcome.

For additional details phone **Sharon**, 781-2987.

SYMPOSIUM ON JEWISH UNITY

The second in a 5-part Symposium on Jewish Unity at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst, will address the question, Orthodoxy and Reform: Is Co-existence Possible? The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday, March 16 in Philip Smith Hall.

Admission is free.

For further inquiries contact Holy Blossom Temple, 789-3291.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Willowdale presents The Art of Breastfeeding, the third in a series of four monthly meetings. To be discussed are, proper positioning of the baby, overcoming breastfeeding difficulties and adjusting to the role of new mother.

Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers who are seeking information and support for breastfeeding. Babies are welcome.

The meeting is 8.15 p.m., Monday, March 16, at 225 Hidden Trail (one set of lights east of Dufferin, south off Steeles).

For further information, phone **Adrianne,** 738-8268 or **Elaine**, 736-8905.

PILLAR OF FIRE

Pillar of Fire, The History of Israel's Rebirth (1896-1946) continues 7.45 p.m., Monday, March 16 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, with Part 6, Soldiers Without a Flag and The Final Solution, covering the period 1939-42.

The series includes video tapes, lecture and discussion. Guest lecturer this week is **Moshe Benzioni,** consul for Israel.

Everyone is welcome, there is no charge and refreshments are provided.

Co-sponsors are Beth Tzedec and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

MONDAY MAGIC

Monday Magic, or Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy, meets 9.30 a.m. Mondays, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Hear good speakers and meet other mothers of young children. Excellent babysitting is provided.

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FUND RAISING SEMINAR

Gordon Cressy, president of the United Way of Metropolitan Toronto, is seen here with (left to right) Marilyn Somers, president, Toronto Women's ORT; Harriet Morton, national president, Women's Canadian ORT and Dorothy Shoichet, vice-president, World ORT Union. The occasion was a well-attended fund raising seminar led by Mr. Cressy.

Organizations and People

What's New

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— On March 16, **Helen Smolack**, chairwoman of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Asociation will be the guest.

Tuesday, March 17

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The Cultural Council of Toronto Jewish Congress is sponsoring a T'nach Study Group 8.15 p.m., Tuesday, March 17 at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St. The group will examine Zechariah, Introduction, chapters I and II, with **Prof. Eva Dessen.**

Phone Merle Goldman, 635-2883, to inquire further.

ALUMA BINGO

Aluma, Canadian Israeli Club, welcomes everyone to a Bingo, 7.30 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, in the Fireside Lounge, Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave.

Refreshments will be served and there is no charge.

For additional information call **Ephraim Dloomy**, 631-7546.

CHRISTIAN-JEWISH DIALOGUE

Adath Israel Community Participation Committee invites you to an open forum Christian-Jewish Dialogue with members of St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church. Tuesday, March 17, at 8 p.m., in St. Ansgar's, corner of Lawrence and Avenue Rd., a discussion on Shabbat/Sabbath, will be led by **Judy Markose** and **Rev. Glen Nelson**.

PORNOGRAPHY

Pornography: How Does It Affect Us? Lecturer **Susan Cole** will hold an open forum on the controversial topic of pornography, 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 17 at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. (corner of Wilson Heights). The evening will be hosted by Na'amat Pioneer Women's Yamit group in conjunction with other chapters.

Refreshments follow, and there is no charge. Prospective members are welcome.

For further information contact **Susan**, 881-2445.

B'NAI B'RITH BINGO

Toronto Freedom Lodge, B'nai B'rith, is sponsoring a Bingo Night with proceeds to She'arim Hebrew Day School for Children with Learning Disabilities, to be held Tuesday, March 17 at Diamond Lil's Bingo Parlor, 10720 Yonge St. in Thornhill.

Early bird special is at 7 p.m. Regular games start at 7.30.

For additional details call She'arim, 633-8247.

Wednesday, March 18

ROMANIAN LODGE

Dr. Filderman Romanian Lodge, B'nai B'rith, will hold an open meeting 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 18 at the B'nai B'rith Building, 15 Hove St.

Keynote speaker, **Sol Littman**, publicist for the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, Canada, will analyze The Negative Aspects Which Occurred Recently in Jewish Life, Their Structure, Causes and Consequences.

Conclusions will be delivered by **Samuel Bacher**, mentor of the lodge.

Discussion and refreshments will follow.

Chairman for the meeting is **S.Z. Strulovici.**

Lodge members, families and friends, are cordially invited.

BETH SHOLOM ADULT EDUCATION

The North American Jewish Agenda Until the Year 2,000, will be scrutinized by noted political scientist, **Prof. Daniel Elazar**, of Israel's Bar-Ilan University and Philadelphia's Temple University, 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 18 at Beth Sholom Synagogue.

This is a Leonard Wolinsky lecture presented in the synagogue under the auspices of York University.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

At the next meeting of the Jewish Genealogical Society, Wednesday, March 18, there will be a special evening field trip to visit the Mormon Genealogical Records in Etobicoke.

For details, call **Rolf** at 922-5134 or **Rayzel** at 736-5178.

ANEXORIA/BULIMIA SUPPORT

The Anorexia/Bulimia Family Support Group of Metropolitan Toronto and Area, will hold its regular monthly meeting 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, March 18 in Toronto City Hall Committee Room 1.

All interested persons are invited to attend this informative-sharing meeting.

For inquiries phone 789-4940.

PILLAR OF FIRE AT BETH EMETH

Pillar of Fire, The History of Israel's Rebirth, continues at Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St., 8-9.30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, with Trapped (Crystal Night, Illegal Immigrants, White Paper). Commentary is by **Rabbi Irwin Witty**.

Everyone is welcome.

Thursday, March 19

EMPLOYMENT LAWS FOR YOUTH

A program on Employment Standards Law for Young People, at Woodview Park Library, 16-18 Bradstock Rd., (east of Weston Rd.) 7-9.30 p.m., Thursday, March 19, will explain the rights and obligations of young people in their first job. Such issues as minimum wages and vacations will be examined. This is free.

For more information call 495-3436.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

PURIM CARDS

Purim cards are available again this year from the Educational Fund for Ethiopian Jewry. These beautiful cards may be mailed to friends and relatives to share in the festive spirit of Purim, or they can be an attractive addition to shalach manot packages.

Proceeds go toward the absorption and religious education of Ethiopian Jews in Israel.

The cards may be obtained at Israel's, The Judaica Centre, 973 Eglinton Ave. W., or please phone 630-1323 or 783-0434.

ISRAEL SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

It's not too late to sign up for an Israel summer program. The Israel Youth Program Centre offers an amazing variety for students on the go. This year, make it your turn to join in for the most unforgettable experience of your life!

Register now in high school programs for ages 12-18, university age programs, 18-23, young adults, 25-35.

Call **Diane** at the IYPC, 665-7733.

BETH DAVID WEEKEND RETREAT

Ignore blustery March winds and look ahead to summer. Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am is planning a weekend retreat at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre near Parry Sound, June 26-28.

Explore The Spirit of Music, with scholar-in-residence, musicologist and composer **Srul Irving Glick**.

Cost is $145 to synagogue members, $165, non-members.

Deadline for reservations is April 29.

To inquire further call **Jean Bernholtz**, 787-9039 or **Annette Hoffman**, 663-8243.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

City of Toronto Parks and Recreation, is now accepting applications from interested and enthusiastic young people to fill a variety of summer positions.

The department's summer employment program, SummerWorks, provides job opportunities at pools, playgrounds and community recreation centres. Positions are open for those interested in aquatics, recreation for seniors, programs for developmentally handicapped children, playground leaders, teen leadership and summer music festivals. Some of these jobs require previous experience; most do not.

A summer job with Toronto Parks and Rec provides leadership training. It's a great way to earn and learn, and to spend the summer.

Job descriptions and applications are available from the Toronto Parks and Rec information office, First Floor, West Tower, Toronto City Hall.

For additional information call 392-7838.

SHAAREI BETH EL, OAKVILLE

Get set for a fabulous night at Shaarei Beth El Congregation members at a Dinner Dance and Auction in the Sheraton Hotel, Hamilton, Sunday, March 29.

For more details and tickets, call **Ilana Pekar**, 639-7353, Burlington.

Last year was the first in many years, without a congregational seder for Shaarei Beth El, 186 Morrison Rd., Oakville. However, if numbers warrant, there will be a seder in the synagogue this Pesach. If you are interested, phone **Cheryl MacDonald** any morning at 849-6000.

CONGRESS PHOTO CONTEST

Toronto Jewish Congress Focus Week Photo Contest beckons amateur photographers to show your stuff! The contest, Images of Jewish Toronto, includes three entry categories — community, family and celebrations.

Prints, in black and white or color, may be no larger than 8x 10 and no smaller than 4x5, and must be submitted by April 30 to Toronto Jewish Congress, 4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale, Ont., M2R 3V2, attention **Rupert Shriar**.

Complete contest rules are available at TJC office.

B'NAI B'RITH DRAW

Announcing the winners for the B'nai B'rith Canada early bird membership draw, is Eleanor London, national membership chairman, and looking on is Harry Bick, national president. The winners are: Sy Torobin, District Lodge; Kalman Fisher, Mount Royal Lodge; Warren Waxman, Viceroy Reading Lodge; Baruch Dzaldov, Raoul Wallenberg Yorkdale Lodge.

SPRING CLOTHING NEEDED

The Just-A-Second Shop, (a project of Jewish Family and Child Service) at 3420 Bathurst St., expresses sincere appreciaton to the community for continuing support.

It is now accepting clean spring/summer items, preferably on hangers, during store hours, Sundays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. No winter items now, thank you. Please remember sports and camp items for children.

For more details call 789-9680.

CLUB KALANIT PIONEER WOMEN

Na'amat Pioneer Women Club Kalanit invites you to Afternoon Tea with **Prof. Harold Minden**, author of Two Hugs for Survival, who asks, Are Fathers Really Necessary? at a meeting in Beth Tzedec Synagogue Mezzanine, 1.30 p.m., Sunday, March 22.

Tickets, $7 each, are available at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., phone 636-5425 or 654-1709.

JSU/HILLEL U OF T

Jewish Students' Union activities for this week include the following:

Saturday, March 14, make waves at the annual Purim Bash, 8.30 p.m., Water's Edge Cafe, York Quay at Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay W., with deejay, cash bar and ice skating (to 10 p.m., weather permitting). Bring your own skates or rent. The 77B bus from Spadina station takes you to the door. Admission is $4 with JSU card, $5, without. Megillah reading is 8 p.m. in The Meeting Room, 2nd floor, York Quay. This is co-sponsored by JSF, York University, Jewish Students of Ryerson, Scarborough JSU and Jewish Students at Seneca.

Sunday, March 15, Megillah reading at noon in the JSU House is followed by 1 p.m. brunch. Cost is $2 with JSU card, $3 without, free for residency students.

Wednesday, March 18, **Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis**, head of Hineni, will speak on Assimilation: Insurmountable Odds, at 4 p.m. in Room 179, The Media Room, University College.

Thursday, March 19 is Daily Bread Food Project pickup day. Please donate non-perishable food items to the JSU depot in order to help Toronto's needy.

Friday March 20, Saturday March 21, is the Annual Downtown Shabbaton on Jewish Pluralism: Can We Work Together? with speakers representing Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Judaism. Guest speaker is **Rabbi Reuven Bulka** of Congregation Machzikei Hadas, Ottawa. Cost, $12 with JSU card, $15 without, includes food and accommodation. Reserve by Wednesday, March 18.

RABBI EMERITUS LECTURES

Rabbi Emeritus Senior Scholar Inaugural Lecture Series at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., will be conducted 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 11, Thursday, March 12 and Tuesday, March 17, by **Avraham Feder**, rabbi emeritus and senior scholar at Beth Tikvah.

Th me for the series is The Story of the Modern Jew Through Song, musically illustrated by Rabbi Feder.

There is no charge and the public is invited.

On Monday evenings, through April 6, from 9.15-10.15, Rabbi Feder will give a series on the teaching of **Abraham Joshua Heschel**. And, earlier in the evening, 8-9 p.m., **Chazzan Efraim Sapir** continues the study of the weekly Torah portion, parshat ha'shavuah.

CRAFTS DIRECTORIES

The Craft Resource Centre of the Ontario Crafts Council has compiled helpful directories for those who make handcrafted items, and for those who buy them.

Comprehensive directories of craft material suppliers, fairs, shops and galleries in Ontario, are available for under $5 and can be purchased by mail order or at the offices of the Ontario Crafts Council.

For more information contact **Ted Rickard** at the Craft Resource Centre, Ontario Crafts Council, 346 Dundas St. W., Toronto, M5T 1G5, phone 977-3551.

WOLINSKY LECTURES AT YORK

York University and the Toronto Jewish community present the annual Leonard Wolinsky Lectures on Jewish Life and Education March 18 and 19 at York campus, Keele St. and Steeles Ave., and at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave. The Future of Jews in North America is the theme of this year's series with **Prof. Daniel Elazar**, who teaches at Bar Ilan University in Israel, and at Temple University, Philadelphia.

On Wednesday, March 18 at 8.15 p.m. in Temple Sinai, the talk will cover, To the Year 2000 and Beyond: North American Jewry in the Post-Holocaust Era.

Thursday, March 19, in the Faculty Common Room, Vanier College, York University, The Politics of North American Jews will be probed.

To inquire further call **Bobbi Greenberg-Schafer, Communications Department, 736-5010.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A window designer is needed for Baycrest Centre Gift Shop.

Give your creative talents free rein. Be a window designer for the gift shop in Baycrest's new hospital.

Are you looking for a place to volunteer? Baycrest Centre will be glad to have you. Volunteers are needed in several daytime programs and activities where you will be assisting patients and residents.

If interested, please call 789-5131 ext. 2572 Volunteer Services. Your help can make a significant difference to the people who live at Baycrest.

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JEWISH WOMEN IN ART

Jewish Women In Art, an ongoing display under the auspices of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood, features a display of Jewish Ceremonial Art by **Rachel Weinstock**, March 4-31, at the shul, 100 Elder St.

JCC FAMILY WEEKEND

Here's a last call for the Jewish Camp Council of Toronto's family cross-country ski package at Maple Lake Resort from Friday, March 13 to Sunday, March 15. This is an all-inclusive package with cross-country skiing, indoor and outdoor activities, three meals per day and evening refreshments prepared under the supervision of Canadian Jewish Congress Kashruth Division.

For additional details call the Jewish Camp Council, 964-8842.

MID-WINTER BREAK FOR CHILDREN

A Cross-Country Ski Camp for boys and girls 8-16 years, will be operated by Jewish Camp Council Sunday, March 15 to Friday, March 20, at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre, Parry Sound, Ont.

This is an all-inclusive package with ski lessons and equipment, tobogganing and a wide range of outdoor activities, arts and crafts, music, dance and full length movies, as well as transportation. Food is prepared under the supervision of Canadian Jewish Congress Kashruth Division.

For more information phone the Jewish Camp Council, 964-8842.

VENDORS WANTED

Adath Shalom Sisterhood, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., is looking for vendors at its Spring Crafts and Boutique Sale, Sunday, June 7, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Call days, 635-0131, **Marg**, evenings, 884-5368.

STUDY LUNCHEON

Reserve no later than March 18 for the Beth Tzedec Shabbat Study Luncheon following services, March 21, with guest speaker **Pnina Peli**, who will speak on Jerusalem — A Personal Perspective.

Cost is $5.75, chidren under 12, $3.50. Visa is accepted.

Call 781-3511. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated.

BETH TIKVAH SCHOOL

A breakfast meeting for interested and prospective parents of kindergarten - grade 2 pupils, Beth Tikvah Congregational School, is scheduled for 10 a.m. Sunday, April 5 in the board room. Curriculum, visiting classrooms and answering your questions, will be included.

For further information and to RSVP, call **Pnina Spetgang**, 221-5083.

ISRAELI DANCE WORKSHOP

Welcome dance instructor **Marco Ben Shimon** on his first visit to Toronto from Israel, and join an Israeli folkdance Workshop Saturday March 28 and Sunday, March 29, at the Jewish Community Centre Northern Branch, 4588 Bathurst St.

Sessions are 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Workshop and Request Dancing, JCC 2nd floor; 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2.30-5 p.m., Sunday, March 29 at the Leah Posluns Studio Theatre (enter from theatre lobby).

Price is $6 Saturday evening, $5 per session Sunday, $14.50 complete workshop.

For more information contact **Teme Kernerman**, Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, 4588 Bathurst St., Willowdale, Ont., M2R 1W6, phone 636-1880.

BERNSTEIN CAMP COUNCIL FUND

All contributions over $25 to the endowment fund honoring retired Jewish Camp Council executive director **John Bernstein**, are tax deductible. The fund will sponsor children and seniors at Camps Northland, B'nai B'rith and Goodfellowship.

Here is a chance for former campers, parents of campers, and others who understand the impact of these camps, to help provide others with this special experience.

DRAW FOR LUPUS ASSOCIATION

Here's a chance to win a car, a vacation or cash, in a draw sponsored by the Ontario Lupus Association and The Associated Travellers (Ontario Club).

The draw takes place at the sold-out annual Donna Chu Dinner to be held in the Sai Woo Restaurant April 9, but tickets, $25 each, are available by sending a check to The Ontario Lupus Association, 250 Bloor St. E., Suite 401, Toronto, M4W 3P2.

Grand prize is a 1987 Pontiac Firebird (courtesy of Hopper Pontiac Buick Ltd.) Second prize is a Curacao Vacation for Two and $500 spending money (courtesy of Travel 24 and Carousel Tours Ltd.) Third prize is $1,000 cash. Only 3,000 tickets will be sold.

All proceeds are to support Lupus Research, in aid of victims of the chronic disease which affects more than 50,000 Canadians.

For additional information call 967-1414.

BETH RADOM SPRING DANCE

Enjoy the music of the **Ed Gresko Band**, plus refreshments and door prizes, at the Spring Dance planned by Beth Radom Congregation Men's, Club, 18 Reiner Rd., 8.30-midnight, Saturday, March 28.

Tickets are $15 a couple.

JUVENILE DIABETES

Do you have time to share with a friend? The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation is a friend in need.

JDF needs volunteers to assist with its chapter activities, annual fundraiser and office/clerical work.

If you wish to help, please contact the Toronto Chapter office at 224-2633.

SHAAR SHALOM ADULT ED.

Shaar Shalom Synagogue Adult Education Committee, 2 Simonston Blvd., will screen an audio-visual presentation on The Plight of Soviet Jewry: Will There be an Increase in Emigration? with speaker **Etti Young**, 7.45 p.m., Sunday, March 22.

For more details phone **Paula**, 889-9528.

VENDORS FOR PW SALE

Vendors are wanted for a Na'amat Pioneer Women Craft Show and Boutique Sale, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, May 24 at Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Ave. (at John St).

For further information call 633-6538 or 635-7849.

DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

As part of their school's 80th anniversary observance, students of Associated Hebrew Schools will present an adaptation of the play, The Diary of Anne Frank, directed by **Harte Klyman** and coordinated by **Saul Morgenstein.**

"Anne Frank" will be performed at the Neptune Branch, 3630 Bathurst St., 9 p.m. Saturday, March 21 and at 2 and 8 p.m. Sunday, March 22.

Tickets, $5 for adults, $3 for students, are available by calling 789-2235 and may also be purchased at the door.

Proceeds will be donated to United Jewish Appeal and the Leslie Building Campaign. Patrons who support the students' efforts by contributing $25 will receive two free tickets in a reserved section of the auditorium.

KOFFLER GALLERY COURSES

The Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art is now taking registration for its Spring courses which include: Ceramics, Life Drawing, Landscape Drawing, Painting (Watercolor) Art Appreciation, Gallery Excursions, Clay Sculpture (with a model) Stone Sculpture, Wax Sculpture, Mixed Media Art for Children, Ceramics for Children, Special Design Workshops.

Enrol now because space is limited. For further information contact **Rose Brinder**, 636-1880 ext. 279, 4588 Bathurst St.

TDD IN NORTH YORK LIBRARIES

Several public libraries in North York now have a telephone device for the deaf, TDD. Users are invited to phone for all of their information needs. Patrons may also call TDD to ask reference questions or to register for library programs, and they are welcome to use the library's TDDs to make outgoing calls.

Callers can be referred as well, to other community agencies which have TDD equipment.

To contact North York Public Library by TDD, dial any of these numbers: Audio Visual Services, 5145 Yonge St., 222-8413; Bathurst Heights Branch, 3170 Bathurst St., 783-1048; Central Library, 74 Sheppard Ave. W., 226-2744; Don Mills Branch, 888 Lawrence Ave. E., 449-6901; Downsview Branch, 2793 Keele St., 633-3554; Fairview Branch, 35 Fairview Mall, 499-4515; Link Community Information and Referral Service, 226-3737; York Woods Branch, 1785 Finch Ave. W., 633-5498.

IYR HA-MELECH, KINGSTON

This year, Congregation Iyr Ha-Melech's communal Passover seder is set for April 13, coordinated by **Katherine Manley**. If you are planning on attending, call Katherine at 549-0632 and help with the details. Work will be divided into small easy jobs which won't take up a lot of time.

CANYON LODGE AUCTION

Canyon Lodge, B'nai B'rith, holds its Annual Gala Auction, with door prizes and refreshments, Saturday, March 28 at Thornhill Community Centre, Bayview Ave. and John St.

Viewing time is 8 p.m., Auction at 8.30.

All funds raised will be donated to various charities and B'nai B'rith agencies.

Admission is $2.50 per person.

MINI LEGAL COURSE

York University's Centre for Continuing Education is sponsoring a three-evening lecture on The New Small Claims Court and the Cost of Justice, with **Marvin Zuker**, Ontario provincial court judge.

The mini course, designed as a legal education and to help users of these courts, is given 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays, March 18, 25 and April 1 at Osgoode Hall Law School, York Campus, 4700 Keele St. Fee is $45.

For information or a detailed brochure of this, and the last of the eight topic mini-series on The Law and You, call 736-5025, ext. 2504.

NANEFF SINGERS CONCERT

A concert of choral and solo songs in Hebrew, Yiddish, Russian, Italian and English by The Naneff Group of Singers, will be offered at 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, March 11 in the Pride of Israel Temple, 59 Lissom Cres. All are welcome.

The Naneff Group of Singers is a group of young, mature and senior students of music at Central Technical School, under the auspices of the Toronto Board of Education. To inquire, phone the musical directors, Mr. and Mrs. N. Naneff, 496-0203.

JEWISH MEDITATION — JSF

Jewish Meditation, a talk and involvement, to be led by **Ellen Schifren, takes place 4-5.30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, in the Scott Religious Centre (just off Central Square) at York University. This is under the auspices of the Jewish Student Federation.**

YOM HA'ATZMAUT GUEST

Simcha Dinitz, Israel's ambassador to the United States during the Yom Kippur War and Camp David negotiations, will be the guest of the Toronto community for Yom Ha'atzmaut on May 3. Dinitz is a member of the Knesset and currently serves on the Committee for Foreign Affairs and Defence.

FAMILY FASHION SHOW

Temple Har Zion presents a Family Fashion Show and Tea with styles by Brettons, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5 at 7360 Bayview Ave., Thornhill.

Tickets, $10 each, are available in advance or at the door. There will be refreshments and door prizes.

For additional information call 889-2252.

WORKING SKILLS FOR WOMEN

If you find yourself unable to advance in your job because of technological change in the workplace, think about Working Skills for Women.

This is a free 12-week evening program , which offers an introduction to micro-computers, mathematics refresher and career counseling.

The next Working Skills for Women information/registration session is slated for 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 24 at the YWCA, 80 Woodlawn Ave. E.

For more details call Working Skills for Women at 961-8100.

at the jcc

JCC Singers recently celebrated their 5th anniversary at a luncheon in the Jewish Community Centre.

President **Dolly Brown** recalled the founding of the choir and noted its achievements under the leadership of **Esther Ghan-Firestone**, assisted by pianist **Sarah Barkin**. She affirmed how proud choir members are of their first record album, The JCC Singers in a Musical Mosaic, cut after the choir was awarded First Prize Trophy at the North York Senior Choral competition. The choir is open to new members and all voices are welcome — no need to read music. Just come to rehearsals Thursdays, 9.30-11 a.m., Room 221, JCC, 4588 Bathurst St.

JCC Singers' next performance will be at Sheppard Place, 7.30 p.m. March 15 and Baycrest Hospital, 2 p.m. March 29. For bookings and inquiries phone **Betty Kohn**, 663-7508.

Come to a Pre-Natal Information show organized by the Fitness and Recreations Department, JCC Northern Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., Sunday, March 15 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. At Toronto's only "Baby Show," the JCC strives to provide the most up-to- date information on pregnancy, birth, infant nutrition, safety and fitness. Admission is $3 for adults, children and seniors free.

Senior Adult Service Learning Experiences Group JCC Northern Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., presents a film on Modern Israel, 1.30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 in the Senior Lounge. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served. For further information contact **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 232.

March Break Fun Days at the **Bloor JCC** are March 16-20, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Every day there is gym, swim and a special workshop: Monday, March 16, Fun with Puppets; Tuesday, March 17, Cooking and Tie Dying; Wednesday, March 18, People Making; Thursday, March 19, Fimo Jewelry and Clowning Around; Friday, March 20, Fantasy Collages. Cost is $12 per day to JCC members, $15, non-members. This is for children in senior kindergarten to grade 6. Call **Sarah**, at the Bloor Y Branch, 924-6211, for more information.

Celebrate Purim at the Bloor JCC's carnival, 12.30-3 p.m., Sunday, March 15. This is for all ages.

The JCC offers a range of top quality children's programs for infants onward. Call **Florence** at the **Bloor Y** for details, 924-6211.

For Singles ... Meet people with similar interests at one of the adult classes in the Bloor Y. Call for a complete listing of classes, all led by excellent instructors, 924-6211. Registration is on now for JCC members, and begins March 15 for non-members.

More for Singles ... Erev Shira, is a weekly Sunday evening of Israeli songs for people wanting to recapture the gleam of Jerusalem and the clear air of the Galilee. Feel free to bring your own musical instrument or favorite song. This starts 8 p.m. March 22. Admission, $1.50 per night, covers the cost of refreshments.

Join **JCC Valley Singles Network**, Sunday, March 15 for its annual Purim Dance. Come to The Valley, 7015 Leslie St. at 8.30 p.m. to eat, drink, and enjoy the sounds of a great deejay. There will be light refreshments and a cash bar. Cost is $4 to members with JCC card, $6 without.

SAJAC Seniors, (South African Jewish Association in Canada) gather 2.30 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St., Sunday, March 15, for an afternoon at the movies. Enjoy the delightful film, Mrs. Delafield Wants to Marry. Cost is $2 to members, $2.50, visitors. Phone **Sybil Berley** at 449-6065 for more information and reservations.

for seniors

A **Driving Refresher Course for Seniors** is offered through the North York Board of Education at Yorkdale Secondary School, 38 Orfus Rd., Room 168 (off Dufferin St.). This is a free credit course of 20 classes over 10 weeks, 1.45 -3.15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, commencing Tuesday, March 24.

Improve your technique and enjoy safe driving.

Call the Wagman Centre, 789-5131, ext. 2271 for more information.

Secrets from the Kitchen, with culinary expert **Temi Rosenthal**, is the next in the **Wagman Centre Health Education Series**, 1-2 p.m. Wednesday March 25, in the Common Room, 55 Ameer Ave. Fee is $1.50 for members, $2, non-members. Register now, as space is limited.

Meet the Author, at the Wagman Centre, invites you to hear **Dr. Edmond Lipsitz**, who wrote 6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People. Dr. Lipsitz will read excerpts from his new book, 10.30 a.m., Thursday, March 19 in the Fireside Lounge. Don't miss this exciting event. Admission is free.

A new Wednesday afternoon program for **Israelis 55 Years of Age and Over**, who enjoy socializing and good Hebrew conversation, starts at the Wagman Centre March 25, and continues each Wednesday, 2-3 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. Refreshments will be served. To inquire further call **Shelley Dunkelman**, 789-5131 extension 2273 days, or **Ephraim Dloomy**, 631-7546, evenings.

It's a Purim Dinner for widows and widowers hosted by the Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, Sunday, March 29 in the Fireside Lounge. Cocktails will be served 4.30-5.30 p.m., dinner and entertainment with **Boris Neiman, are 5.30-8 p.m. Admission is $15. Purchase tickets at the Wagman Centre office by March 20. There will be positively**

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no sale of tickets at the door. For information call 789-5131, ext. 2267.

Workmen's Circle Social Club members have just returned from Miami after an enjoyable vacation. Now, it's back to the meetings. Come out to 471 Lawrence Ave. W. for lunch with entertainment on Tuesday, March 17 at noon. Everyone is welcome to discover what co-ordinator **Shirley Grotell** can do for you this spring and summer. For more details phone 222-7727.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus Fifty welcomes you to its next gathering. Enjoy the light-hearted love songs of **Naomi Bell**, 1.30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 1700 Bathurst St. Coffee and cake will be served. Cost to non-members of the club is $1.50.

The **Good Age Club at the Bloor Y** will celebrate Purim in full spirit 2 p.m. Thursday, March 12, with holiday food, music and a top class talent show. Newcomers and costumes are welcome. Cost is 50¢ to club members, 75¢, non-members. Be happy it's Adar!

There will be no seniors' activities at the Bloor Y for the week of March 16-20.

Here's a special for Seniors — an Israeli Folkdance Workshop with **Marco Ben Shimon**, guest teacher from Israel, at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. in the main dance studio, 1.30-3.30 p.m., Monday, March 30. Price is $3, including refreshments. Pre-registration is advised, because numbers are limited. For additional information contact **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880.

Beth Sholom Seniors, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., will hold their opening meeting of the season 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18 at 7.30 p.m. Admission is $1 for members, $2, non-members. Refreshments will be served. Publicity chairperson is **Eve Donsky**, 782-1068.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., will have a special Purim treat, Monday, March 23 at 1 p.m., with entertainment by singer and humorist **Sarah Herzberg,** accompanied by **Ada Lewis**. Refreshments will be served. Cost is $2.50 members, $3, guests.

Bingo is Monday, March 30 at 1 p.m. in Shaarei Shomayim. Refreshments will be available. Admission is $1 members, $1.50, guests.

Reservations for the trip to California and Las Vegas, May 6-24, are filling quickly. This will be a memorable holiday. Also planned is a trip to Israel in early November, a repeat by popular demand. It is not too early to make reservations now. Phone **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923.

Federal government grants totaling $214,033, have been awarded to 39 groups of retired people in the Toronto area. Among recipients are, Beth Emeth Friendship Club, $3,696, to organize a needlecraft program, develop a meal program and produce a regular newsletter; The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, $4,300, to continue a self-help support program for senior widows in need; Wagman Centre Senior Club of Immigrants from the Soviet Union, $5,495, to organize a folk dance group and drama group; Russian Over 60 Club, $6,265, to continue a program of activities for Russian speaking seniors including lectures, dramas, choir and folk dancing; Wagman Centre Needle Artists, $7,682, to revive an ancient needlecraft called fabric collage.

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For more information or bookings, contact **Elaine Duff**, Director, 44 Oaken Gateway, Willowdale, Ont. M2P 2A1, 222-0655, Anne Sussman, Secretary-Treasurer, 6250 Bathurst St., Apt. 713, Willowdale, Ont., M2R 2A4, 222-7422, or Creative Living, 225-2112.

Should Workers in Essential Services Have the Right to Strike? is the question to be considered at a public affairs forum with guest panelists, **Judy D'Arcy**, national executive for CUPE, **Al Hershkovitz**, vice-president, Ontario Federation of Labor, **Jim Peterson**, lawyer, politician and **Peter Silverman**, City TV journalist. This is slated for 1.30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18 in the auditorium.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre for health maintenance, invites you to Awareness Through Movement, 1.30 p.m., Thursday, March 12. This is an introduction to the Feldenkrais Method, a unique form of movement ideal for people with chronic stress, tension, back pain, arthritis, rheumatism, or whose movement is restricted. Speaker is **Shelley Duke**.

Lifelong Learning Institute is offering the following programs: Exploring Human Sexuality, with **Morry McCloud**, a 7-session series, 10 a.m.-noon, Thursdays, March 26-May 7, in the synagogue. This is free to members and seniors over 65, non-members, $2, each class; Creative Writing, with **Maria Gould**, 10 sessions, Fridays, 10-12, starts March 27 in the library; At a Literary Luncheon for members only, **Gordon Corie** reviews How To Organize, 11.3-a.m. - 1.30 p.m., Monday, March 16, in the music room. Admission is $4.

For further details re the Lifelong Learning Institute, call **Bookie Kwart, 225-2112.**

Enjoy a Purim Kiddush Lunch at noon, Friday, March 13, with entertainment by dramatist **Nathan Garnick,** pianist **Nathan Rosen**, and The United Synagogue Day School Children's Choir. This is for members only. Cost,$3, includes lunch and entertainment.

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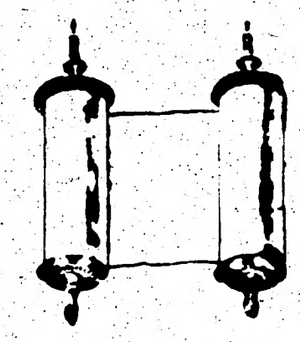

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Purim 5747

Purim we celebrate, in Purim we enjoy life.

A furious battle broke out in Slonim between the congregation and the cantor. The dispute was finally brought before the town rabbi, Reb Isaac'l. He heard both sides out, and concluded that both the cantor and the congregation had acted poorly.

He commented: "That's why in the Yotzot for Purim we mention "umach shmo vizicro . . . and may his name and memory be wiped out . . ." and right next to it are the words: "Chazzan v'kahal . . . For the Cantor and Congregation. . . ."

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The names in the Megillah are Persian and exotic. One of the minor "heroes" was Charbonah, advisor to the king. Just at the right moment, when the king was furious at Haman, Charbonah announced: "Here is the tree that Haman plans to hang Mordechai upon!"

The king didn't hesitate: "Hang him (Haman) on it!"

In appreciation, we say after the Megillah reading: "Vigam Charbonah zachur latov . . . Give good old Charbonah a special thanks!"

But . . . there is a strange Medrash. This Charbonah was not a tzaddik. Teach our rabbis: "Charbonah was in that cabal to hang Mordechai. . . ." How else did he know all the details, that the hanging tree was fifty cubits? He knew everything!

So why did Charbonah mix in and destroy his pal Haman? Teaches the Medrash: *It wasn't even Charbonah at all!* The Prophet Elijah disguised himself as Charbonah, and spoke the fatal words.

So why give Charbonah all the credit?

But — explains the Dubner Maggid — when a person is invited to a party and borrows someone else's suit, it is polite to bring back a little present and thank him for its use.

True, Charbonah was no tzaddik. But for a short while Elijah used his form, his body. Charbonah had the zchut of being the instrument of Haman's downfall — that must be rewarded!

In life, we deal with many people. The Talmud teaches: "Megalgeling zchut al yiday zakkai . . . God causes good things to happen through good people. . . ." People help us, do us favors, change our whole lives.

By accident. Just being at the right time and the right place. With hardly any forethought. But they did us good. It must never be forgotten. We must never forget favors.

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It's a mitzvah to imbibe (but no drinking and driving) on Purim.

Once, after the Russian Revolution, the saintly Chafetz Chaim ordered the students not to dance on Purim. The cost of shoe leather had risen drastically, and he didn't want the students to wear out their precious shoes.

At first they listened, but still . . . it was, after all, Purim, they *had* to dance. One of the students, Herschel Kaminetzci, slipped off his shoes and began dancing in his stocking feet. The other students followed and soon the whole hall was shaking.

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School system computerized

BEERSHEBA —

From his office at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, a retired general is conducting a campaign in two towns in southern Israel. But this time Elad Peled is not aiming to conquer strategic targets.

This expert in educational policy, who commanded an IDF division in the Six Day War, is now directing Project Comptown, which is aimed at examining the potential for computer use in education by computerizing the entire educational systems of Arad and Ashkelon.

Before taking up his academic career, he spent six years as director-general of the Israeli ministry of education and helped prepare the country's educational system for the challenges of the 1980s.

"Now" he says," the time has come to adapt to the age of sophisticated technology."

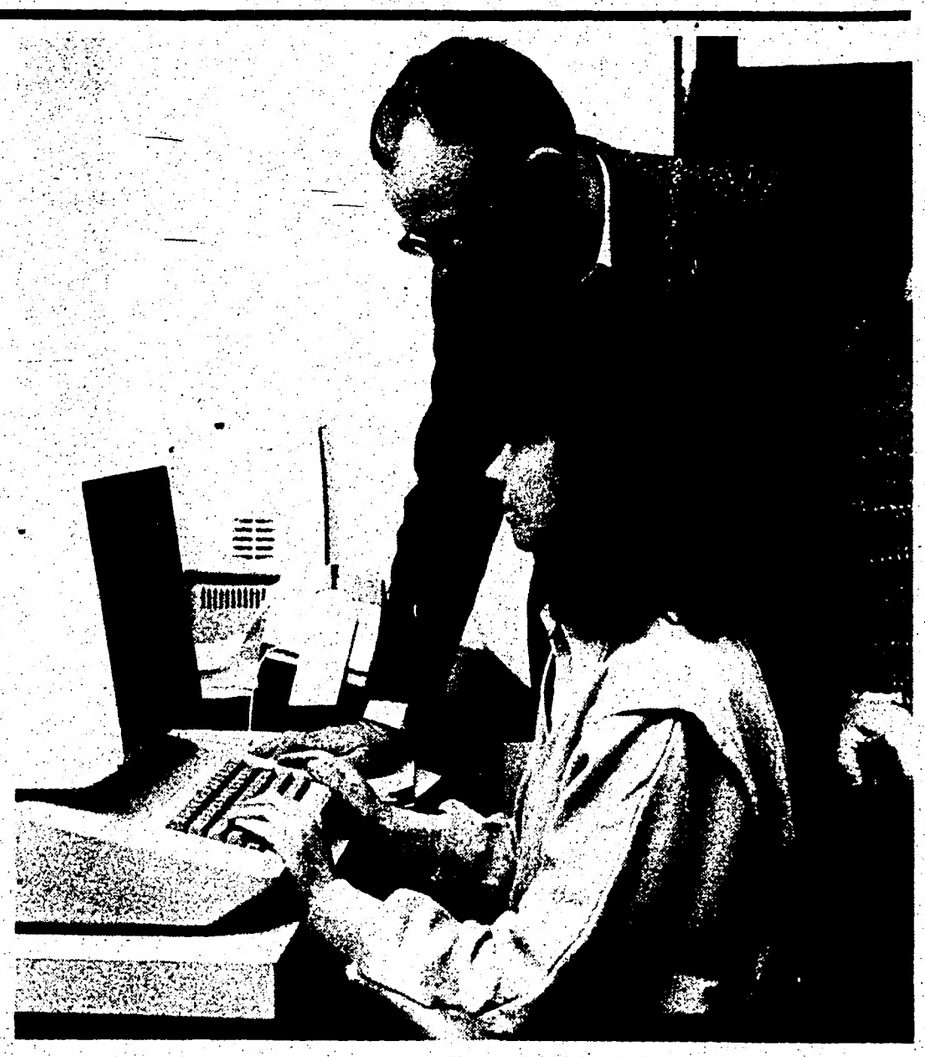
The study is sponsored by the ministry of education and is being coordinated and evaluated by researchers from BGU's department of education, including Zimra Peled, wife of the project's head and Gad Alexander.

One hundred teachers in Arad have already been trained in the use of computers, and plans are being made to link up 100 households by telephone to a central computer in the town. In order to create a 'comprehensive computer environment' for both young and old, volunteer senior citizens and 9th graders are being trained as technical assistants in schools.

Some day soon the entire school-going population of Arad and Ashkelon, from kindergarten to 12th grade, will be using computers as a basic working instrument in the classroom.

If additional funding is obtained, the development town of Dimona will also be computerized.

"We must meet the challenges of the computer age, and the sooner the better, if Israel is to remain in the forefront of technological innovation and progress," says Peled.



Elad Peled is seen in his office with his assistant.

Purim festivities planned

TORONTO —

The community has been invited to join with the male and female members of three egalitarian synagogues to participate in a colorful Purim Adloyadah at the B'nai B'rith Building at 15 Hove St.

Festivities begin Saturday night, March 14, at 7.30 p.m.

Members of all ages of Conservative Congregation Shaareh Haim, Reconstructionist Congregation Darchei Noam and Conservative Kehillat Ahavat Hesed will take turns reading the Megillah and some of the more theatrically inclined members will make a dramatic presentation of some of its portions.

Those attending will be welcomed at the door by clowns of all sorts as well as more specific characters like Mickey Mouse, Paul ben Bunyon and Queen Esther.

Graggers will be provided for all and a singalong will be assisted through a specially assembled song book including parodies of the three sponsoring shuls.

The celebrations will begin at 7.30 p.m. with a havdalah service led by Rabbis Deborah Brin and Lawrence Troster.

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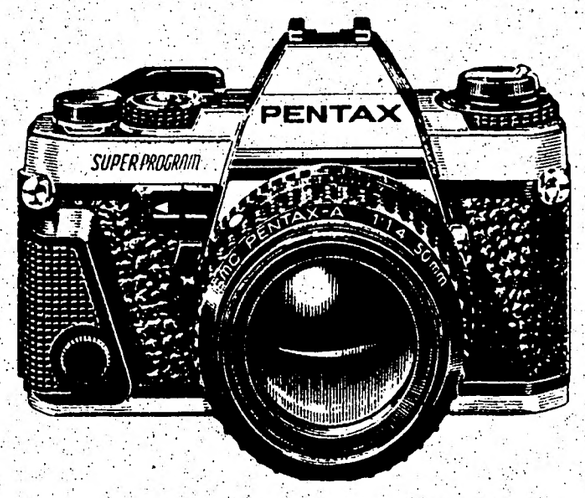

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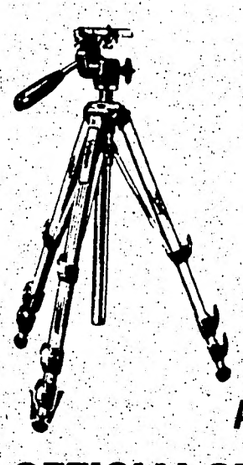

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Commemorates bar/bat mitzvah

Leo Baeck Day School "reaffirms commitment"

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
Songs by kindergarten classes opened Leo Baeck Day School's recent festivities celebrating its 13 years, "to let even its youngest students feel part of the joy."

So said Karen Friedman, school acting director, as the school commemorated its bar/bat mitzvah year, during Rosh Chodesh Adar services at Holy Blossom Temple.

Friedman reminded the audience of several hundred of the central meaning of the bar/bat mitzvah as "a chance to reaffirm our commitment to our heritage."

Calling the school "a success story," she said that while its aim was to teach the Reform philosophy of "intellectual exploration and the participation of the Jewish community in the world community," its ultimate purpose is "the children. They are the centre of the school: loved, respected, involved."

Cantor Thomas Schwartz and Temple Emanu-El spiritual leader Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld, a founder of the school, led the service, which was very much aimed at the large contingent of Leo Baeck students seated in the front of the sanctuary.

The opening prayer was offered by student Johnny Ain, and the Torah was read by senior Leo Baeck students David Tennenbaum, Brian Cepler, Sari Lubelsky, and Robbie Morganstein. A dvar Torah was given by Eadit Rokach.

Long-time teacher Judy Guttman and Leo Baeck graduate Carolyn Cepler reminisced about their experiences at the school.

Poems and a story on the theme of "a celebration of learning" were introduced by Michael Dachs and presented by their writers, students Oren Neiman, Lisa Richter and Emma Aiken.

Lou Devor, president of the school's board of trustees, introduced those of the founders of the school who were present, and announced that a plaque honoring them would be hung in the school.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut, introduced by Bielfeld as "the grandpa of the school," spoke about Rabbi Leo Baeck, who had been his teacher in Germany, and had saved his life by arranging for the young Plaut to go to the U.S. before the Holocaust.

Leading the members of the audience in saying kaddish for Baeck, Plaut exhorted them to "be worthy to be associated with that great man."

Wines from Israel will be featured at Toronto show

TORONTO —
Galilee Wines, importer of Israel's Carmel line, will be among some 160 exhibits at the 7th annual Toronto Wine and Cheese Show, March 20-22 at the International Centre.

"More than 27,000 people attended last year's show, and this year's event promises to be an even greater success," said an organizer.

Specialty foods, pates, cheeses, imported and Canadian wines will be featured.

"The public is invited to indulge in the wide selection of delicacies and sample the many well-known, unfamiliar and vintage wines and other beverages," he said in a statement.

Admission is $6. Wine tasting can be enjoyed by purchasing tasting tickets. A wine glass is provided for visitors at no charge upon entrance to the show.

Child safety game available nationwide

TORONTO —
A child safety version of the game Snakes and Ladders, developed by the Block Parent Program of Canada Inc., is being distributed free in 60-sheet boxes of Bounce fabric softener, across Canada.

The board — a fold-up plastic sheet — and playing pieces are enclosed in a bright red tube.

The game, conceived by present Block Parent chairman Sheila Jensen 12 years ago, sees wise safe moves bringing players' pieces up the ladders and closer to home. Careless choices bring them sliding down the snakes.

"I was wrestling with the idea of how to teach safety in a way that was memorable and that kids would enjoy," explains Jensen. "We played a lot of Snakes and Ladders with the kindergarten classes and it occurred to me that the game could be easily adapted to safety."

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Organizations and People

Co-founded Oshawa Group

Max Wolfe dies at age 94

TORONTO —

Max Wolfe died March 4 at age 94.

Wolfe, who co-founded Oshawa Group Ltd. in 1914 with his brother the late Maurice Wolfe, was honorary chairman of the board and even though into his 95th year was in the office daily.

Born in Widze, Lithuania, he emigrated to Canada with his mother in 1905 at age 13. He went to live with his married sister Sarah Shulman in Brown Hill, Ont. (near Newmarket) and enrolled in public school even though he didn't speak English.

In 1909, at the age of 17, he started in the produce business by buying a horse, wagon and load of apples. His business venture began with an initial investment of $85 — $25 he had saved and the remainder he borrowed.

Max Wolfe

Five years later, the two brothers founded the Ontario Produce Co. and within a few years it was firmly established as an importing, exporting, trading and consignment house supplying wholesalers, retailers and institutional customers with fruit and vegetables.

The company later became a full scale food wholesaler under the name Oshawa Wholesale Ltd. and supplied IGA food stores in Ontario.

Today, as the Oshawa Group Ltd., it supplies IGA stores from Saskatchewan to the Atlantic Ocean, operates Food City markets, Towers department stores, Drug City stores, and a number of other related businesses.

Wolfe was widely respected in the produce business as a man of integrity.

He was a supporter of numerous philanthropies, principally Beth Tzedec Synagogue, of which he was a member, and Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. He also served on the boards of a number of Jewish community organizations.

The funeral was held March 5 at Beth Tzedec.

Wolfe is survived by his wife Beatrice, daughter Phyllis Flatt, son Harold, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Educator tells parents:

Anger, guilt self-defeating

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Anger and guilt are self-defeating emotions for conscientious parents, says Israeli educator and lecturer Miriam Levi.

Levi, in Toronto to speak at the recent Lubavitch Women's convention and to give a series of seminars on parenting, pointed out that anger is wrong from a Torah point of view because it leads to anguish and suffering.

"Showing anger does not lead the child to change his behavior," she added. "It just makes him focus on how miserable he is, and become defensive.

"Not only does the child's behavior not change, but we feel guilty for our inappropriate actions," Levi said.

She advised acting calmly, and always speaking in a quiet, controled voice. "This enables the child to concentrate on his behavior, and shows him that we are truly concerned for his welfare," she said.

Disrespect for parents is a sin in the Torah, Levi said, and we must never encourage it by losing our tempers ourselves, she said. "We must be a model of self-control and consideration: this is the uniquely Jewish way."

Guilt is not a bad thing if it makes us determined not to repeat our mistakes, she said. "If it fills us with self-loathing, and nothing more," guilt is not constructive.

"We have to learn to be tolerant about ourselves and our children, and not act as judges."

Levi did not deny the effect of what she called "deliberate anger," the voice raised for dramatic effect. What she objected to was "a continuous pattern of shouting."

Modern psychology says that people should express their anger, but ignores the fact — taught by the Torah — that they don't have the right to hurt other people's feelings, including those of their children.

Born in Holland, Levi came to the U.S. just before World War II. She studied at Beth Jacob Teachers' Seminary in Williamsburg, and later graduated in art and special education from Hunter College.

Moving to Israel in 1970 with her husband and three children, she worked in special education for several years before becoming interested in teaching parenting skills.

She has expressed her philosophy in her recent book *Effective Jewish Parenting* (Feldheim Publishers). Strongly anecdotal in style, it gives a framework for raising children according to the precepts of the Torah, and includes sections on discipline, consideration, orderliness, coping with bedtime, and fighting.

Monson to speak at Barsky tribute in Winnipeg

WINNIPEG —

Rabbi David Monson, rabbi emeritus of Toronto's Beth Sholom Synagogue, will be guest speaker at the first annual dinner of the Winnipeg committee of The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, April 8 in the Rosh Pina Synagogue.

The dinner will honor Dr. Percy Barsky, noted Winnipeg pediatrician, and is expected to attract leading members of the city's Jewish and general communities. Proceeds of the dinner will be used for the Pediatric Day Care Hospital at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre.

Monson is a long-time supporter of Jerusalem's "Hospital With a Heart." He is an ardent Zionist and active on behalf of numerous Israeli-based organizations. Last October he was honored in Israel at the Shaare Zedek annual international dinner, which was held in the Jerusalem Theatre.

Barsky will receive the Shaare Zedek Humanitarian Award for his "significant contribution to the improvement of the welfare of others." He has held numerous government and hospital positions and is acknowledged as a leading force behind many of Manitoba's and Canada's advances in health care.

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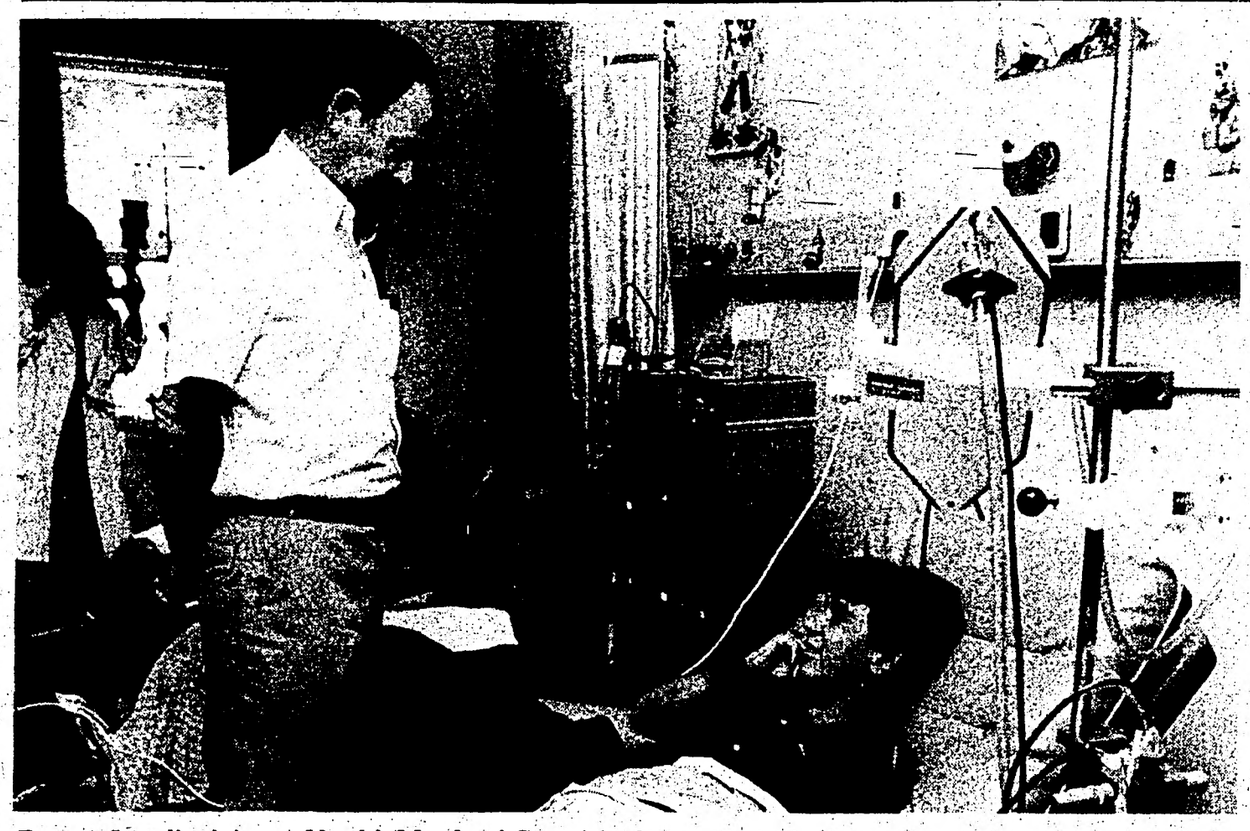

Former Israeli minister of health Mordecai Gur visits Shaare Zedek's pediatric dialysis unit, which treats children of all races and religions. The television sets in the unit were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Al G. Brown of Toronto.

Jewish, Arab children at hospital

Unique friendships formed

JERUSALEM —

The children who meet three times a week in the pediatric dialysis unit at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Center, the only one of its kind in Israel, form a unique friendship. Since approximately half are Jewish and the others are Moslem or Christian Arabs, in the usual scheme of things they could easily become enemies. But they have slowly realized that their only real enemy is kidney disease.

The friendships haven't developed on their own. The hospital staff has devoted nine years to creating this situation, ever since the special pediatric hemodialysis unit was founded. So far, 53 children, from 2-19 years of age, have been treated here — 26 of them Jewish, the rest Arabs.

Dr. Aharon Drukker, head of Shaare Zedek's renal unit, explained the importance of a special pediatric unit, which no other Israeli hospital has yet established.

"Children on dialysis have special needs," he emphasized. "We have made the unit bright and cheerful with toys, plants and pictures to lessen the trauma. But most important, they see that they are not alone — that other children have the same problem and they are not medical freaks."

Sometimes the needs go beyond the medical treatment. Youssef lives in an Arab village, near the scene of a recent terrorist attack. The entire village had been placed under curfew and no one was permitted to travel. But the Israeli Army, responding to a call from Shaare Zedek staff, permitted the ambulance to go through the lines and transport Youssef and his mother for his dialysis.

When they arrived at the hospital, Youssef's mother kissed members of the staff and said, "I knew all the time that you would not forget us."

Shoshanna, now 20 and a new bride currently living in the United States, came to Shaare Zedek when she was 13, suffering from familial renal disease. Her two sisters had died of it and her local doctor in a northern Israeli town felt there was no point in dialyzing her as he believed she was bound to die soon anyway. Dr. Drukker arranged for the child to live in the dormitory of a religious school for girls in Jerusalem, enabling her to come to Shaare Zedek three times a week for her treatment.

Achmed, another Arab child in the unit, pretended to be Jewish when he first started dialyzing. He wore a yarmulke and told everyone his name was David, as he feared being discriminated against. Gradually, as he saw that everyone was treated equally and that all of the children's birthdays and all religious holidays (Jewish, Moslem and Christian) are celebrated, he came to realize that he is part of the group and is a valued patient and human being in his own right.

In the adult unit, three groups of 12 patients each come to Shaare Zedek regularly for their dialysis. Many of them require the services of the hospital's social worker in addition to the expertise of the unit's doctors and nurses.

For some, she arranges job interviews and financial support from various government agencies. For others, she provides a much-needed soft shoulder and a wealth of understanding when they have emotional or domestic problems.

Several times a year, the Shaare Zedek staff arranges outings for the dialysis patients in order to add some joy and excitement to their otherwise difficult lives. "There is a very human side to our Medical Center," social worker Sandra Miller maintains. "We care about our patients' emotional wellbeing as well as their physical condition."

Shaare Zedek was the first hospital in Jerusalem to open a centre for Continuous Ambulatory Perinatal Dialysis (CAPD). Unlike normal hemodialysis, which requires patients to be attached to a machine three times a week for four hours or more, with CAPD a bag of cleansing fluid is attached to a tube inserted in the abdomen. The bag is inside a pouch which is attached to the waist; patients change the bags themselves several times a day while going about their normal lives. Visits to the hospital are just for monitoring and checkups.

Shaare Zedek's annual deficit in the pediatric and adult dialysis units is over $250,000; it costs close to $200 per day to dialyze a patient, say hospital officials.

Shaare Zedek Medical Center is represented by The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation in Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

Translation service seeking volunteers

TORONTO —

If you know another language and want to help senior citizens, be a volunteer translator at the new multi-language translation service at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

"The idea of the service is to make people who use the centre as comfortable as possible by providing a welcoming environment and an opportunity to communicate in a language with which they are most familiar," says Mona Brown, coordinator of interpreter services.

"Not only will the service help to reduce stress in non-English-speaking persons being assessed by doctors, social workers, therapists and other staff, but it will help ensure that information is accurately recorded."

Translation services, both verbal and written, are now available in Hebrew, Yiddish, Hungarian, Russian, Romanian, Spanish, French and German.

Brown is hopeful that even more languages will soon be introduced but explains that the service is provided primarily by volunteers.

"Community volunteers as well as Baycrest staff members are giving their time to provide this essential service, but more people are needed who can translate a language into English," she says.

"We would like to be able to translate written information and the forms used by the centre that patients, residents and members have to complete or sign."

Volunteer translators receive training once their proficiency in a language has been determined.

In the past, a small number of staff and volunteer interpreters were available at the centre, but Brown is actively seeking volunteers in order to expand the service.

"Here is an example of how people can retain their cultural identity and still function in an English-speaking community," she says.

As an adjunct to the program, Brown hopes to gather data on the birthplaces and languages of residents, patients and members that may provide interesting information for linguistic and ethnological research.

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Organizations and People

Goodwill ambassadors

Israeli teens visit Toronto schools

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
Israeli and Canadian students are getting an opportunity to taste each other's cultures and become better acquainted during the visit of two Israeli teens to Toronto.

In Canada as part of the annual Israeli high school delegation program, sponsored by the Israeli ministry of foreign affairs and ministry of education, Efrat Goldberg and Saggi Price discussed politics, religion and economic issues during a visit to Sir Sandford Fleming Secondary School.

Students in Linda Gill's grade 13 sociology class appeared well-informed about Israel, as they asked their visitors about life in the Holy Land, the Lavi and differences between the two countries.

"Canada is a beautiful country," said 17-year-old Price.

"Your country is very enormous," Goldberg, 16, added. "Life here is a lot calmer and people are warmer, more open."

In discussing life on a kibbutz, Goldberg said that most kibbutz residents choose that type of lifestyle for ideological and not economic reasons.

"It's a nice way of life," she pointed out.

The purpose of the high school delegation program is to establish a dialogue and foster better understanding between Israeli and North American youth. The students are chosen on the basis of their academic achievements and leadership abilities.

Goldberg lives in Bait Vegan and is presently in grade 11 at the Pelech Religious Experimental High School for Girls. She has participated in the B'nai Akiva youth movement since the 4th grade. She was a leader of a group of 8th graders and is now a leader of a group of 9th graders in Bait Vegan.

Price attends Ramat Gan Religious Municipal High School and is also actively involved in the B'nai Akiva youth movement. His hobbies include basketball and playing guitar.

The Israeli students presented a slide show about their country and led a singsong with Goldberg accompanying on her guitar.

Gill called the session informative and knowledgeable and said that her students "fed" well into the Israeli visitors.

Israeli students Efrat Goldberg and Saggi Price discuss life in Israel with students at Sir Sandford Fleming Secondary School. [Jeff Rosen photo]

The Israeli students arrived in Canada Feb. 23 from New York. While in Toronto, the two will be talking with students and taking part in programs at Jewish schools. After leaving Toronto, the students will visit Kingston, London and Ottawa before wrapping up their 6-week tour.

They told The CJN following the classroom session that they enjoy living with Jewish families while on the road.

"The families make us feel at home," said Goldberg and Price. "It's hard being away from home so long."

Both said they have learned a lot about Canada, its educational system and the Jewish community and praised Fleming students for being so well-informed about Israel.

Price said the greatest difference he has noticed is that in Israel you don't need to be connected with a synagogue as you are in Canada.

Sudbury gets cemetery

SUDBURY, Ont. —
The Jewish community here recently consecrated its first cemetery with the burial of one of its long-time members.

Charlie Helpert, who was born on Feb. 28, 1919 and died in this northern community on Feb. 8, was the first member of the Jewish community whose body did not have to be taken to Toronto for burial.

It was Helpert's illness and impending death that impelled Mitch Spiegel, president of Sudbury's Shaar Hashomayim Congregation, to arrange for the cemetery.

"Charlie insisted that he did not want to be buried in a place that was not his home," said Spiegel about Helpert.

Spiegel negotiated for 25 plots in a city-owned cemetery to be designated for use by the Jewish community.

Though the new facility has not yet been named, Spiegel says it may be named in honor and memory of Helpert, a past-president of the 25-family congregation.

Rabbi (emeritus of Beth Sholom Synagogue) David Monson who came from Toronto to bring the shrouds, first met Helpert during World War II. Monson was a chaplain, and Halpert was in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Both Monson and Bill Inch, a Christian army friend of Helpert, delivered the eulogies, remembering him as a man who loved life.

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IDF general declares:

Syrian incursion into Beirut good for Israel

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The recent incursion by 7,000 Syrian troops into Beirut is advantageous to Israel, says the Israeli general who has monitored Lebanon for the past two years.

Brigadier-General Ilan Biran told a State of Israel Bonds New Leadership meeting recently that the Syrian presence in Beirut preoccupies not only the Syrians but also the various warring factions, incuding the Shi'ites and the Palestinians.

Biran, until recently commander of the northern division of the Israeli army and a former regimental commander of the Golani Brigade, said all Israel wants at this point is to enable "a normal life" for the 57 settlements that dot the Lebanese-Israeli border and the 100,000 people residing there.

The general, a 22-year IDF veteran, told Bonds' New Leadership, which comprises young leaders aged 20 to 40, that the threat of terror emanating from Beirut has not abated, despite Israel having evacuated the region completely in 1985.

There are still two major threats presenting Israel in the north, he noted: the constant attempt by "killing squads" to penetrate the country and the firing of Soviet katyusha rockets by the Shi'ite militia.

Despite an electrified fence 160 kms. long that separates Israel and Lebanon, Biran said Israeli troops are constantly finding squads of two or three terrorists who have slipped through the security zone and whose mission is "to kill. . . Simple as that."

Recently, Biran's troops discovered three Palestinians en route to the town of Maalot. They were all wearing Israeli uniforms, kipot and carrying Israeli rifles. Two were killed and their leader taken prisoner.

In spite of the tension in northern Israel, life there is "quite good," said Biran, who lives with his wife and three children in a settlement 700 yards from the Lebanese border.

"It's not a question of survival for Israel. Our survival, if we don't make real mistakes, is guaranteed."

Biran predicted that Syria will become spread out and "stuck" in Beirut, which is in a state of "complete anarchy."

"Personally, I think this is good for Israel. (Foreign Minister) Peres said Israel is opposed to Syria being in Beirut. That's politics. I prefer Syria in Beirut rather than Israel."

As for Peres' push for a Middle East peace conference involving Egypt and Jordan, Biran said he believes Jordan's King Hussein is "afraid" to sign a peace treaty with Israel because of pressure from more hardline nations like Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

Syria, however, has abided by its 1974 non-aggression pact with Israel "completely" and may now look to the United States for help in easing its dependence on the Soviet Union. That, Biran said, may lead Syria into indirect negotiations with Israel.

As for Jordan, Biran said that within 15 or 20 years, it will become a Palestinian state, and the impetus for such a setup will begin once Hussein is no longer in charge.

Biran had harsh words for the way the media report on Israel. He pointed out that the world has remained more or less quiet on the Syrian incursion into Beirut, even in the face of well documented atrocities committed by Syrian troops in Palestinian refugee camps. But when Israel went into Lebanon in 1982, it was "a full-scale invasion," and Israel was condemned. "We've dealt with double standards like that for 4,000 years."

The Iran-Iraq war, now in its seventh year, does not present a problem to Israel, Biran said. "We don't think there will be a winner there. It's more like a war of attrition."

A possible solution to Beirut's woes, he offered, is to divide the city into "cantons," with each faction living in its own district and respecting the others.

"But in the Middle East, you can't be a prophet. I'm optimistic. Otherwise, what else is there?"

From left, State of Israel Bonds' director of public relations Ron Csillag; Brig.-Gen. Ilan Biran; Bonds' New Leadership chairman David Levine; the evening 's hostess, Sharon Fiancman and Malcolm Silver, a member of Bonds' New Leadership, at a recent talk given by Biran. [Marie-Josee Crete photo]

Named rabbi emeritus and senior scholar

Beth Tikvah honors Feder

TORONTO —

Beth Tikvah Congregation will celebrate its appointment of Rabbi Avraham Feder as rabbi emeritus and senior scholar during the weekend of March 28-29.

Events will include: Discourses by Feder, who is visiting from Israel, and Rabbi Avraham Holtz, Hebrew literature professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary; a seuda shlishit honoring the Feder family; a melaveh malkah (post-Shabbat party); and, on Sunday, a champagne brunch, with dancing.

Feder, the congregation's founding rabbi and cantor for 14 years, made aliya six years ago. He has visited the congregation regularly since then, officiating at High Holiday services.

He is filling in this spring until the congregation's new spiritual leader, Rabbi Wayne Allen, assumes his position.

Feder inaugurates Beth Tikvah's rabbi emeritus-senior scholar lecture series March 11, 12 and 17 at 8 p.m. with a series of musically illustrated lectures depicting the modern Jew through song.

He has launched an education project in Jerusalem that aims at bridging the gap between Israel's diverse Jewish elements.

Also a lecturer for the Israel Defence Forces, Feder is currently writing a book on the search for Jewish moral identity.

He is a leader of Israel's Masoreti movement — the Israel branch of Conservative Judaism — and president of the Rabbinical Assembly of Israel.

For more information, phone the synagogue office at (416) 221-3433. Cost of the champagne brunch is $18 per person.

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Organizations and People

Aish HaTorah meeting told:

Money should be used for moral purposes only

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
The source of our abilities and possessions is God, and this fact compels Jews to use money responsibly and for the sake of justice, an Aish HaTorah luncheon lecturer said recently.

How we view the source of our wealth influences the way we will use it, Rabbi Yaakov Weinberg, dean of graduate studies at Ner Israel Yeshiva in Baltimore, said.

Speaking to more than 35 guests (including many newcomers) in the Cadillac Fairview boardroom, the rabbi said that according to the Torah, the belief that wealth results exclusively from one's own efforts leads to a deviation from justice.

"The source is ultimately a blessing from God and it is only that which makes possible our own efforts and strategies to bring about the results.

"So in all possessions there is a responsibility to the Creator who made us all. This is explicit, not implicit."

Those who accept this world view will take it into consideration in their financial decision-making, said Weinberg: "I don't share the money and property, I share the usage of it. I have to take God's share in the use of it."

But why, Weinberg asked is such stress placed on being responsible with money? Did God not also give us our health, strength and other qualities?

Obviously he did, the rabbi continued, but material possessions are the way in which people influence each other most directly and frequently.

Quoting the Chumash, Weinberg said God told Adam: "You will eat your bread only by the sweat of your brow."

The implication for us is "we have always got to be concerned about possessions. Before the sin that was never a matter for concern.

"This is the area, more than any other, by which we measure who and what we are, and whether or not we are successes or failures.

"And it is in this more than any other area that we must constantly be aware of the fact that it represents a relationship between us and God."

He noted that there is a difference in our attitude towards possessions and money.

"I have a relationship to possessions that I do not have to money. I have a relationship to my home that I do not have to income producing property. Money represents value; possessions are the objects that mean something to me."

People relate to objects on a personal level, said Weinberg. Money is valued not for itself but for the security and power it carries. People do not have a relationship with money, he said; they use it.

And because of this, "money has the terrible danger of leaving a person cold and because of this it needs a little more care in its use and accumulation.

"The most dangerous thing with money is that because it is not a relationship there is never enough.

"This danger expresses itself in an even more terrible way. Money becomes an end in itself. To become wealthy becomes the goal. Instead of looking at it as what it is, a medium of usage, it becomes an end in itself."

This is wrong, said Weinberg, because the purpose of making money is to achieve practical and moral goals. Those who go to work to make money, make those moral and practical goals secondary.

The alternative, he said, is to earn an income for such ends as supporting the family and allowing oneself the time to continue to learn.

"If you have this in mind it makes a real difference to your daily decisions and it can make a difference to your lifestyle," the rabbi concluded.

Following his formal presentation, Rabbi Weinberg dealt with questions about the Jewish view of money previously submitted by participants.

• Can one lend and charge interest?

A Jew may not lend another Jew money with interest according to the Torah, said Weinberg. Nor may a Jew borrow money from another Jew with interest, or even enter into a contract for such a purpose, he said.

A Jew may enter into such a relationship with a non-Jew, Weinberg continued, because the non-Jew is not bound by the halachic prohibition. Since the non-Jew may collect interest, so may the Jew.

Because we have an economic system which relies on borrowing and lending with interest, the rabbis have made an investment allowance known as Heter Iska to permit Jews to engage in these activities.

The allowance views the money being lent not as a loan but as an investment with a risk factor (enormously reduced). According to the contract the lender shares the risk and the profits.

This is generally understood by Jews as being for business purposes only, said Weinberg. For personal purposes there should be no interest and free loan societies exist to help Jews in need, he said.

• What should a person's priorities be when giving tzedakah?

The two priorities according to halacha, said Weinberg, are to fulfil direct needs such as food, clothing, medicine and ransoming a hostage; and to augment education and the study of Torah.

"These are basic to the survival of Jewish and of civilized man. There is to be an awareness of the need for values and it comes from Torah. Learning is the basis of being human.

"Learning means we're gaining the wherewithal to make proper decisions. You can't be responsible without learning."

The luncheon-lectures are scheduled to resume in April with a series on the Jewish family and contemporary society.

For more information on this and other programs, call 636-7530.

BB set to honor Starr at dinner

TORONTO —
B'nai B'rith Canada's Scroll of Leadership Dinner March 24 honoring Patti Starr has been sold out.

"It is most fitting that the qualities of leadership and community dedication personified by Patricia Starr have touched so many people," BB President Harry Bick said. "Their expression of admiration is reflected in this overwhelming support for the dinner."

About 460 are expected to attend the dinner, co-chaired by lawyers Jane Pepino and Jim Peterson, at the Shaarei Shomayim.

During the course of her more than 20 years as a volunteer, Starr has "upheld BB's values of social service, human rights and youth development," Bick said.

Starr is currently an officer of the Canadian Jewish Congress and grants officer of the the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section as well as president of its charitable foundation.

Yiddish collection of library boosted

TORONTO —
More than $5,000 was raised at a recent reception to enable the University of Toronto library to improve its Yiddish collection by purchasing books from the National Yiddish Book Centre in Amherst, Massachusetts.

At the reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Daniels in Willowdale, Aaron Lansky, executive director of the centre, gave a slide-illustrated talk on his travels throughout North America to gather unwanted collections of Yiddish books.

The thousands of books now amassed have been sorted, catalogued and prepared for distribution to libraries.

Gayle Garlock, associate librarian for collection development and preservation at the University of Toronto Library, and Barry Walfish, the library's Yiddish bibliographer and cataloguer, described the university's Yiddish collection which has been growing for over 20 years.

Devorah Sperling, director of the book centre's Library Development Program, outlined the plan being developed with the university.

It was announced that additional contributions would be enthusiastically welcomed by the university library to help make this project even more successful.

More information is available from and contributions should be sent to, Alan Horne, Development and Public Affairs Coordinator, University of Toronto Library, Toronto M5S 1A5; (978-7644/2292).

Milgrom to visit Toronto

TORONTO —
Ida Milgrom, the mother of ex-Soviet Refusenik Natan Scharansky, will be here March 19 to speak at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

Milgrom, accompanied by her other son Leonid Scharansky and his family, is coming to Canada under the auspices of B'nai B'rith Canada's Soviet Jewry Committee.

They are slated to arrive in Toronto March 17 and stay with Canadian cousins who were active in lobbying for Natan's release from Chistopol prison and the Soviet Union.

From Toronto, they will fly to Ottawa where they will try to meet with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and the Parliamentary Spouses Association's Committee for Soviet Jewry.

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Organizations and People

"Jews have honorable tradition of service"

Lubavitcher is Australian Army senior chaplain

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
With regularity, Lubavitch Rabbi Mordechai Gutnick slips out of his black fedora and equally sombre suit and dons his khakis. He waves "g'dye" to his suburban Melbourne congregation and becomes a captain in the Australian Army.

Only the Star of David on his cap and a luxuriant beard (by special dispensation) set him apart from his fellow officers.

Gutnick is the senior Jewish chaplain of the Australian Army, but as the number of Jews in the military is relatively small, serves the air force and navy as well.

Gutnick got into the army the same way many other Jewish boys choose a career — his father was in the business. Rabbi Chaim Gutnick was the chaplain of the Australian forces from the 60s until four years ago, when Mordechai, now 38, took his place.

The elder Gutnick, a Lithuanian-born British citizen, came to Australia during the World War II, a founder of the now strong Lubavitch community. The period of his chaplaincy included the Vietnam War, in which Australia played a role.

As a peacetime chaplain, Mordechai's duties are not heavy — mostly responding to calls from Jewish servicemen and attending official functions. The exact number of Jews in the Australian military is not known to Gutnick, but it is believed they are represented proportionally in both the regular and reserve units.

"Jews have an honorable tradition of service in the Australian military. We have had a Jewish admiral and field marshal, among those who have achieved great heights," said Gutnick who was in Montreal recently. As a chaplain, Gutnick was automatically made a captain.

He was in Montreal to be the guest speaker at a banquet benefiting the Beth Rivkah Academy for Girls and in honor of Montreal city councilor Saulie Zajdel.

It was a personal visit as well. Gutnick is married to the daughter of Rabbi Leib Kramer, the director of the Rabbinical College of Canada (Lubavitcher yeshiva). He met Sarah, now a teacher, at a wedding in Montreal while he was studying in New York. They have six children.

Mordechai Zev Gutnick

Being a chaplain has had its rewards. "There was a young fellow from the northern territory who enlisted in the army. He told the recruitment officer he had no religion that he knew of, but he did remember that his mother sometimes used to light candles on Friday night.

"They put him down as Seventh Day Adventist. Eventually, it was found out that he was Jewish, although he didn't know it. His parents had fled persecution in Europe and had decided to get away from any connection with Judaism. So they went to that remote desert region of Australia."

Under Gutnick's tutelage, the young man has became strongly interested in Judaism.

Australian Jews in the military are permitted kosher food and the Jewish Sabbath off, at least, in peacetime. Gutnick believes this reflects Australia's hospitable attitude toward its Jewish community. "I think Australia is one of the most comfortable countries in the world for Jews to live in."

The latest census figures show a dramatic jump in the Jewish population of Australia. Close to 85,000 Jews were recorded, up from about 70,000 a decade earlier. Gutnick attributes the increase not so much to immigration — although South African Jews have flocked to Australia — but to a greater willingness to be identified as Jews.

Gutnick's other job is spiritual leader of a unique Jewish institution in Australia, a North American-style Jewish community centre comprising a synagogue, classrooms, and social and recreational facilities. The 15-year-old centre is in a suburb of Melbourne called Doncaster. Although Orthodox, the congregation is not Lubavitch.

Lubavitch does have a large synagogue in Melbourne, schools with a total of 1,500 students, a seminary and a network of community services in place, Gutnick said.

Gutnick's cousin, Allan Crewe, is commodore of the Perth Yacht Club which hosted the America's Cup. "I just hope the situation of the Jews won't change with Australia's losing the cup this year," Gutnick joked. Crewe is, incidentally, not a Lubavitcher.

One of oldest practicing dentists

Dr. Murray Dyment dies

TORONTO —
One of Toronto's oldest practicing Jewish dentists died here recently, remembered by his friends as a dedicated professional and committed Jew.

Dr. Murray Dyment died at 86, and was buried in the Beth Tzedec section of the Dawes Road cemetery following services at Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel.

Delivering the eulogy was Rabbi Emeritus of Beth Sholom Synagogue, David Monson.

Rabbi Monson came to know Dyment when both were at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation at its St. Clair Ave. W. location.

Monson was the rabbi, and Dyment was principal of the Sunday school from 1939 until it became a

Dr. Murray Dyment

branch of the Talmud Torah.

"He could always keep youngsters interested," Monson recalled. "He had a way with kids. He would demonstrate Bible stories with modern examples."

When Dyment was himself a student he was one of the first to attend the modern Talmud Torah, Monson continued.

And he so excelled at his Hebrew studies, the rabbi said, that he was given the honor of delivering a speech in Hebrew at Massey Hall on the occasion of a visit by world Zionist leader Shmarya Levine in the 1920s.

Born in Toronto, Murray was the son of Shlomo and Blumeh Dyment. When his father died at 42, he stepped in as the eldest child to help his mother raise his siblings, later assisting his brothers in becoming professionals.

Dyment was himself among the early group of Jews to enter dentistry in Toronto. He completed his studies here and was one of the founders of the local Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity. He continued to practice until shortly before his death.

"He was highly thought of by his professional colleagues and he was an intellectual. You could discuss any subject with him: art, Judaica, music and he knew his Hebrew," said Monson.

The rabbi said that Dyment was especially interested in music and was a talented violinist.

He is survived by his wife Bernice; son Stephen (and Suzanne Dyment); daughter Denise (and Jerry Fishman of Niagara Falls); sister Esther (and Marshall Jubas); brother Dr. David (and Ruth Dyment); sister Alice Burman; brother, Provincial Court Judge Alex (and Helen Dyment); and five grandchildren.

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Organizations and People

Of HU Friends in Kitchener-Waterloo

Chairman spurs activity

WATERLOO, Ont. — The Kitchener-Waterloo chapter of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University is planning to increase the scope of its activities under the leadership of its newly-installed chairman, Bernard Glick.

Glick, an associate professor of biogenetics at the University of Waterloo, says the chapter "will use the Hebrew University's reputation of academic excellence" to broaden its base.

"The Hebrew University is already well known among our Jewish community — our former chairman, Manley Walters, saw to that. We're going to build on his work, and broaden our exposure within the university communities here, and also within the community-at-large," he said in a recent interview.

A national charitable organization, Canadian Friends raises funds for, and arranges academic exchanges with, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Two other University of Waterloo professors, Irwin Dumbroff and Paul Socken, "are helping the chapter meet these goals," said Glick.

The chapter recently held a breakfast meeting at Kitchener's Beth Jacob Synagogue, with Dr. Naftali Zislin, a professor from the Hebrew University's faculty of agriculture, as guest speaker.

Zislin told the Friends he was not surprised to find an active chapter of Hebrew University Friends in the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

"I was once conducting research in Norway, in an area far, far north, almost near the Arctic Circle, and I found there a Friend of the Hebrew University, who helped support it as best as he could, and who received and avidly read the university's publications.

"I didn't find any Friends of Harvard or Oxford. But wherever there is a Jewish community, you'll find friends of the Hebrew University."

For more information about the chapter's activities, contact Prof. Bernard Glick, (519) 885-1211, ext. 2058, or the national office of Canadian Friends, (416) 789-2633.

Prof. Bernard Glick (right), chairman of the Kitchener-Waterloo Chapter of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, with (from left) University of Waterloo Prof. Irwin Dumbroff, and Naftali Zislin, professor of agriculture at Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Weizmann scientists test new cancer drugs

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Preliminary tests of a new family of anti-cancer drugs, SAPA, developed by Israeli scientists and tested at the Weizmann Institute in Israel, indicate that certain cancers show a marked receptivity to the drug's therapeutic effects without the characteristic side effects of traditional chemotherapeutic treatments.

Harold Kochberg, a member of the board of Clark Pharmaceutical Laboratories of Weston, Ont., says animal testing and limited use of SAPA for clinical experimental use on terminal patients who failed to react to conventional treatment, verify that "the drug not only appears to be effective in treating cancers, but it is the only known anti-cancer drug that produces no toxic side-effects whatsoever."

In 1985, Kochberg and pharmacist David Garshowitz of Clark Pharmaceuticals, learned of the "exciting research" being done under the direction of Dr. David Rubin at the Weizmann Institute on an anti-cancer drug. The drug showed marked therapeutic effects on malignant melanoma, breast carcinoma, endometrial carcinoma, carcinoma of the larynx, carcinoma of the mouth, and some lympho sarcoma.

They approached Rubin who was considering a move to the United States to continue his research, and they convinced the researcher to accept a position as the president of Clark's research branch where he could continue his work with SAPA and several other promising new medical treatments including a new anti-asthma pill.

Trying to discover why the body tolerates cancer cells while the immune system destroys germs, viruses and other parasites, Rubin discovered that many cancer cells continuously excrete and live in a cocoon composed of the oxidizing enzyme tyrosinase.

The tyrosinase cocoon surrounds the tumor and forms a barrier that the body's immune system ingredients cannot penetrate because the enzyme protects the cancerous cells from penetration by the immunoglobulins.

By developing a means of biochemically targeting specially formulated toxic molecules to the tyrosinase-secreting tumor cells, the SAPA drug harmlessly floats around the patient's blood until it comes into contact with the tyrosinase enzyme, and destroys the shielding effect of the cancerous cells.

Dr. David Rubin

In efficacy studies on SAPA which are currently being done by an independent American laboratory, the results are consistent with Weizmann's findings, "SAPA causes certain cancer tumors to shrink while increasing the lifespan of afflicted animals."

Further testing is now underway in order to fulfil National Cancer Institute standards.

Used on seven advanced cancer patients at the Falk Oncology Centre in Toronto, Dr. Rudy Falk of the Toronto General Hospital and a professor of surgery and pathology at the University of Toronto says, "There was no evidence of toxic side effects from SAPA at all."

Patients using the SAPA drug show no hair loss, nausea, or general deterioration of the immune system — all characteristic side effects of traditional chemotherapeutic treatments.

Kochberg announced that SAPA can now be administered in pill form. "We are very encouraged by the preliminary results of the testing in Israel, the United States and Canada."

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Marilyn Wainberg, chairman of B'nai B'rith Canada's Institute for International and Governmental Affairs, presents G. Emmett Cardinal Carter with a framed certificate announcing a contribution to BB's family Health Care Clinics in Israel in his name. [Graphic Artists photo]

To commend church for closing convent

BB, Cardinal Carter meet

TORONTO —

A B'nai B'rith Canada delegation recently met with G. Emmett Cardinal Carter to commend the Roman Catholic Church for agreeing to close a Carmelite convent within two years that is located on the site of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp.

Marilyn Wainberg, chairman of BB's Institute for International and Governmental Affairs, told Cardinal Carter that "the establishment of the convent caused much dismay among Jewish communities because it obscured the fact that Auschwitz, where more than 2 million Jews perished, was primarily a death camp for Jews."

Wainberg said the resolution of the issue is a positive gesture in the enhancement of Roman Catholic-Jewish relations and represents the heightened sensitivity of the church to Jewish suffering under the Nazis.

Michael Rosenberg, the Soviet Jewry chairman and a Holocaust survivor, told Carter that "as an individual who suffered the indignities of Nazi abuse I appreciate the resolution of this issue as an expression of understanding on the part of the church."

The delegation — composed of Wainberg, Rosenberg, executive vice-president Frank Dimant and Ellen Kachuck, director of public affairs — discussed several other issues including Israel-Vatican relations, Soviet Jewry, divorce legislation and hate propaganda.

Sephardi culture a casualty of World War II, rabbi says

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

The Judeo-Spanish language and culture shared by many Sephardim was a major casualty of World War II, says rabbi and educator Mitchell Serels.

Serels, director of Sephardi studies at Yeshiva University, and former spiritual leader of Petah Tikvah Anshei Castilla Congregation in Downsview, was speaking at the synagogue's recent second annual Judeo-Spanish Week.

The Ladino language has yet to experience the kind of renaissance that Yiddish is undergoing, he said.

The destruction of Sephardi communities in North Africa, Greece and the Balkans was graphically recorded in the pages of La Vara, a U.S. Judeo-Spanish newspaper.

"La Vara tried to warn about Hitler's plans as early as 1934, through the impressions sent in from Germany's and Austria's Sephardi communities," said Serels. He has been researching newspaper issues from the 1920s through the late 40s.

Judeo-Spanish Week, organized by Max Benaim, opened with a program attended by Guillermo Cebrian, consul-general of Spain, Israel consul Moshe Benzioni, Jose Maria Bethencourt, secretary general of the Institute for Promotion of Tourism for Spain, Jose Nunez De La Cuevas, consul of Spain for Tourist Affairs, and over 350 members of the Sephardi community.

Principal speaker for the opening evening was Dr. Messod Selama, an expert in Sephardi affairs. Musical entertainment was presented by La Tuna Estudiantil De Malage, a group from Spain, and tenor Moises Serfaty from Caracas.

Lecturers during the week included: Dr. Jacob Carciente, from Caracas, speaking about Maimonides; Prof. Jose Luis Lacave, from Madrid, speaking about the Sephardi community in Spain; and Dr. Oro Anahory Leibrovicz, from Montreal, discussing the Sensuality of Women in Judeo-Spanish Romances. All of these programs were in Spanish.

The grand finale of the week, reports Benaim, was a Ladino play set to music, presented by the Gerineldo troupe from Montreal.

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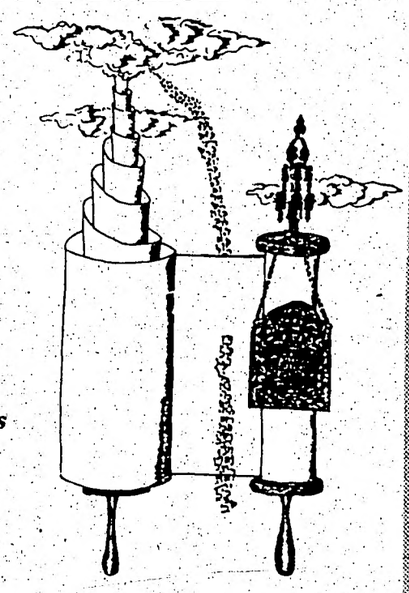

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Alex Fisher (right) turns over his life insurance policy to Bernard Kamin, president of the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto. Fisher's beneficiary is the JCC.

Fisher inaugurates JCC wills program

TORONTO —

Alex Fisher is once again in the forefront of activity to support the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto.

Fisher's recent purchase of a life insurance policy with the JCC as beneficiary kicked off the centre's wills and bequests program. (He also arranged for a policy with the Endowment Fund of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, Toronto Jewish Congress, as the beneficiary.)

Fisher's affiliation with the JCC dates back to the 1930s at the Brunswick Y. He, the late Sam Granatstein and H. Max Swartz were responsible for selecting the site — later approved by the JCC's board of directors — for the North Y branch. Fisher, who was JCC president from 1965 to 1969, and Granatstein co-chaired the fund raising campaign.

When asked where he feels the JCC fits into the Toronto community, Fisher stated: "The Jewish Community Centre serves the greatest cross-section of Jews in the community. The centre helps keep the children off the streets and in a Jewish milieu. The Jewish Community Centre has great meaning for the total community, for people from all walks of life, and all ages."

Hadassah-WIZO honorary president dies at age 94

MONTREAL —

Rosa Singer, honorary president of the Hadassah-WIZO of Canada, died recently at age 94.

Singer was national president of Hadassah-WIZO of Canada from 1947-1951, an exciting period which saw the rebirth of the State of Israel.

Singer is survived by her daughter Vivian and son-in-law Jules Lipcon. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Young Ladies Zionist Heritage Fund, C/O Montreal Hadassah-WIZO; telephone (514) 937-9431.

Rosa Singer

She was founder and for many years served as president of her local Hadassah-WIZO chapter, Young Ladies Zionist. She was also a past vice-president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Jewish General Hospital, chairman of the Women's Division of Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, and was active in many other organizations.

Fashion event of the year

Prestigious black-tie gala to raise funds for hospital

TORONTO —

The Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary will hold its prestigious, annual black-tie Gala Ball on Tuesday, April 7, at the Inn on the Park's Centennial Ballroom, chaired by Patricia Appleton and Sandra Posluns.

The ball, an elegant social event in Toronto for 33 years, is also known as one of the year's most talked about fashion events of the calendar.

This year, the theme will be Night of Tropical Splendor. Cocktails will be in Maui, dinner in Rio and dessert in Acapulco. The entertainment, decor and food during each segment will correspond to the theme.

The Saul Helman Orchestra will provide music for dancing.

Tickets are $300 per person and a sellout crowd of 750 guests is likely.

At its inception, the Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary's ball was the first and only formal gala of its type in Toronto, setting the precedent and trend for all others.

It still remains the leader. All proceeds go towards the Mount Sinai Hospital's medical research institute.

The auxiliary has pledged $3 million towards the institute. Last year's ball raised $165,000 in net proceeds.

Mrs. Bernard Zucker is president of the auxiliary and Mrs. Irving R. Gerstein is vice-president of fund-raising.

Members of the 100 women committee include: Mrs. Mark Ambar, Mrs. Jack Atkin, Mrs. Richard A. Bain, Mrs. Hy Balsky, Mrs. Edward Bekhor, Mrs. Herb Binder, Mrs. Morley Binstock, Mrs. George A. Cohon, Mrs. John W. Culiner, Mrs. Howard Donsky, Mrs. Lynne Gerstein Fingold, Mrs. Lloyd S. D. Fogler, Mrs. Jeremy Freeman, Mrs. Bernard Ghert, Mrs. Paul Godfrey, Mrs. Sheldon Godfrey;

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One of Beamsville's few Jews

Story of John Furedi told

By
PHILIP FINE

BEAMSVILLE, Ont. — Beamsville would seem an unlikely spot for a Jewish community, however close-knit.

Although only a stone's throw from Hamilton on the west or St. Catharines on the east, Beamsville can lay claim to fewer than 15,000 souls and still counts enough farms to give it a rural flavor. It would thus seem to offer few of the financial and professional opportunities from which North American Jews since World War II have increasingly made a living.

Yet this Niagara community was at one time home to as many as 40 Jewish families, many of them DPs, and still boasts a handful of Jews, one of whom is John Furedi.

John, whose excited gestures and rapid flow of words belie his 62 years, hardly fits the pattern of the smalltown Jew. He's not the lad who stayed behind to run the family business while brothers and sisters packed themselves off to the big city. Nor is he the free spirit who abandoned the metropolis for the quieter rhythms of rural life.

Raises chicken broilers

For John is a farmer (he raises chicken broilers), a most un-Jewish occupation in a Canada where Jews are among the most highly urbanized of any ethnic group. Even more unusual for a smalltown Jew, John is an immigrant — a refugee, more precisely — who wouldn't be in Canada, let alone Beamsville, had he not made a snap decision 31 years ago to flee his native Hungary.

Such a step might be expected of someone whose early manhood seems largely to have been an object lesson in learning how to live life on the run — specifically, in the middle of a war.

John was 19 when, in March, 1944, he was locked up for 2½ months in a detention camp in his home city of Budapest. He then did time in a labor camp and, subsequently, in a labor detail attached to the Hungarian army.

Escaping while the detail was in Romania, he was recaptured, managed to escape again, was recaptured again — this time by the Romanian army — but was freed when he was able to prove he was Jewish.

He then made his way to Bucharest and, after that, to Budapest which, by

John Furedi

now, had been liberated by the Russians. It was the spring of 45 and John was all of 20.

But he was too edgy, perhaps after this catch-as-catch-can existence to settle back into the now unfamiliar routines of home. So John struck out on his own: first to Vienna and, later, for Bamberg, Austria, site of a camp for Jewish DPs.

For the next two years, he would guide DPs through Italy on their way to Palestine and would have gone there himself had his sister not written asking him to come home if he still wished to see his mother before she died. It was now 1947 and John was 22.

So back he went to Budapest — needlessly as it turned out since his mother would live for another two years. But coming home proved to be both an end and a beginning. For if John didn't take up residence in Israel, he did, after a year in Budapest, marry his wife Stephanie whom he today credits with the success of his farm.

But in the drabness that was postwar Hungary, running a poultry farm in Niagara was the least of Stephanie's concerns. It was struggle enough, John suggests, just to make ends meet.

Although John had trained to be an optometrist, he worked during those years as a chauffeur for the president of a textile co-op. But the decision to flee his native land during the 1956 revolution was less, he says, the result of material hardship than what he perceived was a rising tide of anti-semitism in Hungary itself.

In fact, six months before he and his family left the country, John applied to the Israeli consulate for permission to immigrate to Israel.

But any likelihood of an orderly departure vanished the day John came home from work and announced to his wife and daughter Eva that this night would be their last in Budapest. By 7 the next morning, the Furedis, all their worldly goods in three shoulder bags, were on a train bound for the Austrian border. Nightfall found them in Austria. At a refugee camp near Vienna, they decided to come to Canada — largely, John says, because a friend of his brother-in-law was living in Montreal.

In January, 1957, John and his family sailed for Halifax. From there, a train took them to Montreal where, three days later, John found a job as an orderly in the Jewish General Hospital.

The Furedis were still in Montreal two years later when the Jewish Colonialization Organization suggested that John might want to try his hand at farming in Beamsville. Now, 28 years later, he chuckles at what must have possessed a 34-year-old Budapest optician to think that with a $6,000 loan from the JCC and a lot of pluck, he could transform himself into a Niagara fruit farmer. Perhaps it was sheer nerve for, as John himself recalls, his justification at the time was simply: "If anyone else can do it, I can do it too."

But it took 12 years and at least three part-time jobs (among them: shipper-helper for Acme Paper in Toronto and optician with American Optical in Hamilton) before John could say he was truly a farmer. Even today he continues, as he has for the past 16 years, to sell animal feed for a Brantford firm.

But chicken farming is now John's main business (previous ventures include two Beamsville area fruit farms, both of which have been sold) and, barring some natural or economic catastrophe, will probably remain as such — at least if Stephanie has her way.

For despite Beamsville's smalltown flavor and almost non-existent Jewish cultural life (the town's only shul, the Lincoln County Baron de Hirsch Synagogue, shut its doors in 1981), Stephanie likes living where she is. Beamsville, she says, is "nice and quiet and friendly."

John, now master of the 120-year-old Beamsville Masonic Lodge, agrees.

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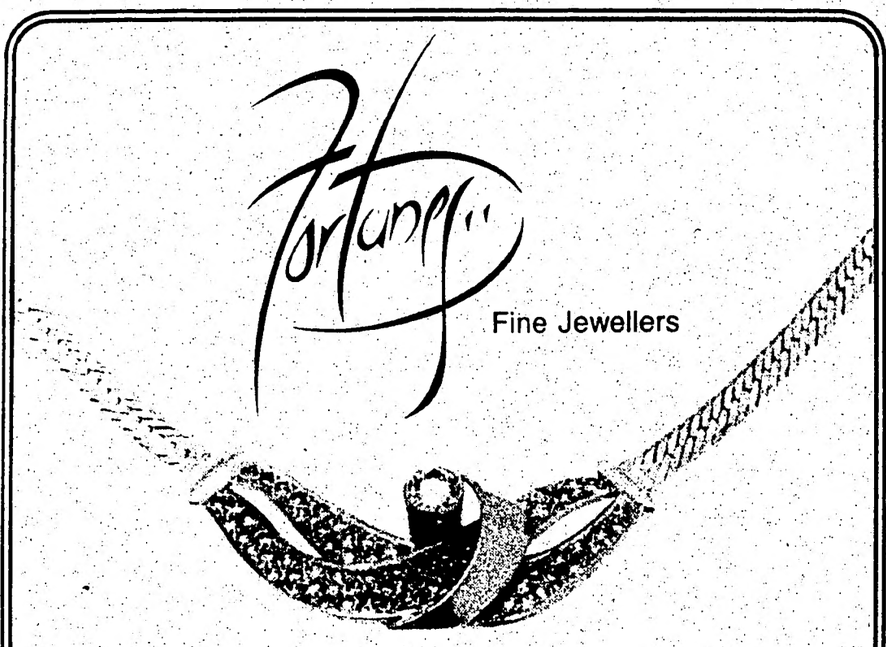

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New styles for spring

Leg looks a star attraction

Garters snapping back to hosiery forefront

MONTREAL —

The fashion trends are in for spring and the leg is showing up as this season's star attraction. The look of the leg is key to making a fashionable difference, whether for day or evening, whether under long or short hemlines.

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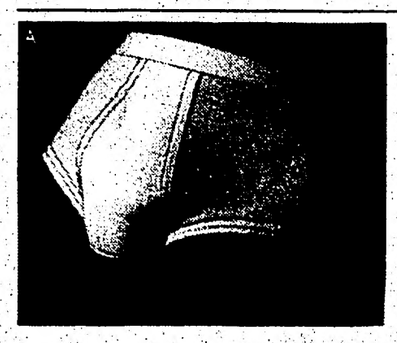

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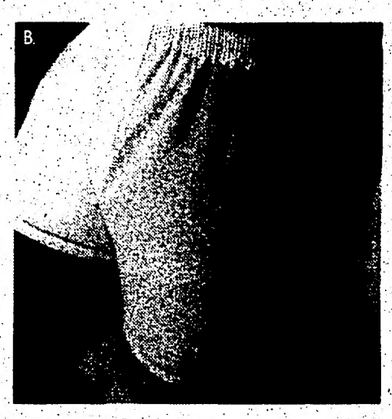

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Spring prompts variety of accessory style options

Thinking spring? Then you've got some clearcut accessory decisions to make. The good news is that each option promises a refreshing new variety of shapes, styles and colors. Happy choosing!

The first decision you're faced with is whether or not to safari.

It's a look that tried in the fall and has now come on with a vengeance. Everyone has animals, be they pictoral representations or merely the skins.

Thinking a step ahead, jungle can be taken to mean basic earth tones incorporating khaki leather, tortoise, wood, bone and ivory.

These will match with the safari looks now so predominant in ready-to-wear and will follow through marvellously well in fall's new appreciation of brown.

In this look, chosen for the more sophisticated woman, you'll find military accents, like the strap belt, natural straw hats, tortoise shell hairclips and classic sunglasses, leather jewelry sometimes combined with bone or horn, sometimes with turquoise or lapis or coral, pure shapes for satchels and totes and carved animal shapes.

Next on the scene are poetry and romanticism in a new avante-garde context. Look for a wedding trousseau mood, the impeccable style of refined young ladies.

Look for belts with enamel flower buckles, gloves shirred in lace and dotted with pearls, handicapped flower boaters, simple little clutch purses and jewelry inspired by ornate moulding or accumulated jewels.

The mood is pretty and feminine captured by reminiscences of William Morris tapestries, irridescent pastels and fields strewn with roses.

For the young at heart and sheer fun of the season, what could be better than denim askew with fast forward metallic trims and mixed with naked leather.

Bandanas are making it big in cowgirl country, whether they're pure silk denim or fresh cotton.

Hats come mile-wide cowpoke style in natural and white straw or cute as a barrow-boy in studded denim.

Belts take on new vigor roughed and toughed in denim with suede, metal and fringing on a prairie scale and the whole is freshened by white in unexpected places.

The really adventurous will pack a generous sampling of emblems, tags and patches into their outsized denim totes and hit the trail.

A fanciful selection of fashion jewelry from Garbo Creations.

Collection features denim line

By SANDRA MATTESON
MILAN —

The spirited collection by Byblos, shown each season in Milan, put a great deal of emphasis on some of the best looking denim seen around in years.

This is denim with real style — tent jackets and coats, gypsy skirts and dresses, cross-back strapped sun dresses with full skirts and layers of colorful crinolines underneath, all of it shown to a calypso beat that ran non-stop throughout the show.

This Latin feeling reigned supreme throughout the collection, which never took itself too seriously but managed always to offer clothes genuinely wearable.

Last year's Byblos quasi-safari-cum-jungle look has grown up into tailored safari shirts worn with full skirts open to reveal shorts in big-city colors and fabrics like a soft greige cotton poplin.

The silhouette juxtaposes from full and flared to fitted and empire line dresses or fitted bustiers are complemented by full skirts in gauze-like, almost transparent fabrics.

Evening featured ballerina silhouettes for summer nights with very fitted bustiers worn with tu-tu skirts in organza or taffeta while fabrics in the entire collection ran the gamut from silk or silk-like textures achieved by mixtures of opaque viscose, with linen, cotton, wool to crepe and transparent gauze.

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Fashion

Detail is dramatic again

Evenings inspire new styles

The designer who loves women loves them best of all in the evenings this spring season. Stephen Caras' signature, sleek-and-simple body-defining lines are once again taking shape in textured and weighted Italian jersey, paired most often with yards of weightless organzas: dropping in tiers as full and fluttery as flamenco or ballet skirts, winging butterfly-like from hips or shoulders, draping gently as a Greek toga to create a sleeve, or lying delicately five layers deep in a schoolgirl collar.

Detail is once again dramatic. This season they range from the romantic — organza flowers, cut-out and richly embroidered — to his trademark trapunto and sequin-covered insets — to dramatic edges and outlines of light-scattering rhinetones.

Caras' torsos are cut always to drape subtly and lie gently along the body. One group is bare-topped, to wear strapless or with spaghetti straps; the fitted, shirred jersey bodies explode below the waist in tiers of organza flounces, or flow into soft full skirts which can be ordered ankle- or floor-length.

A gauzy bolero jacket with huge puffed sleeves has been created especially for this group.

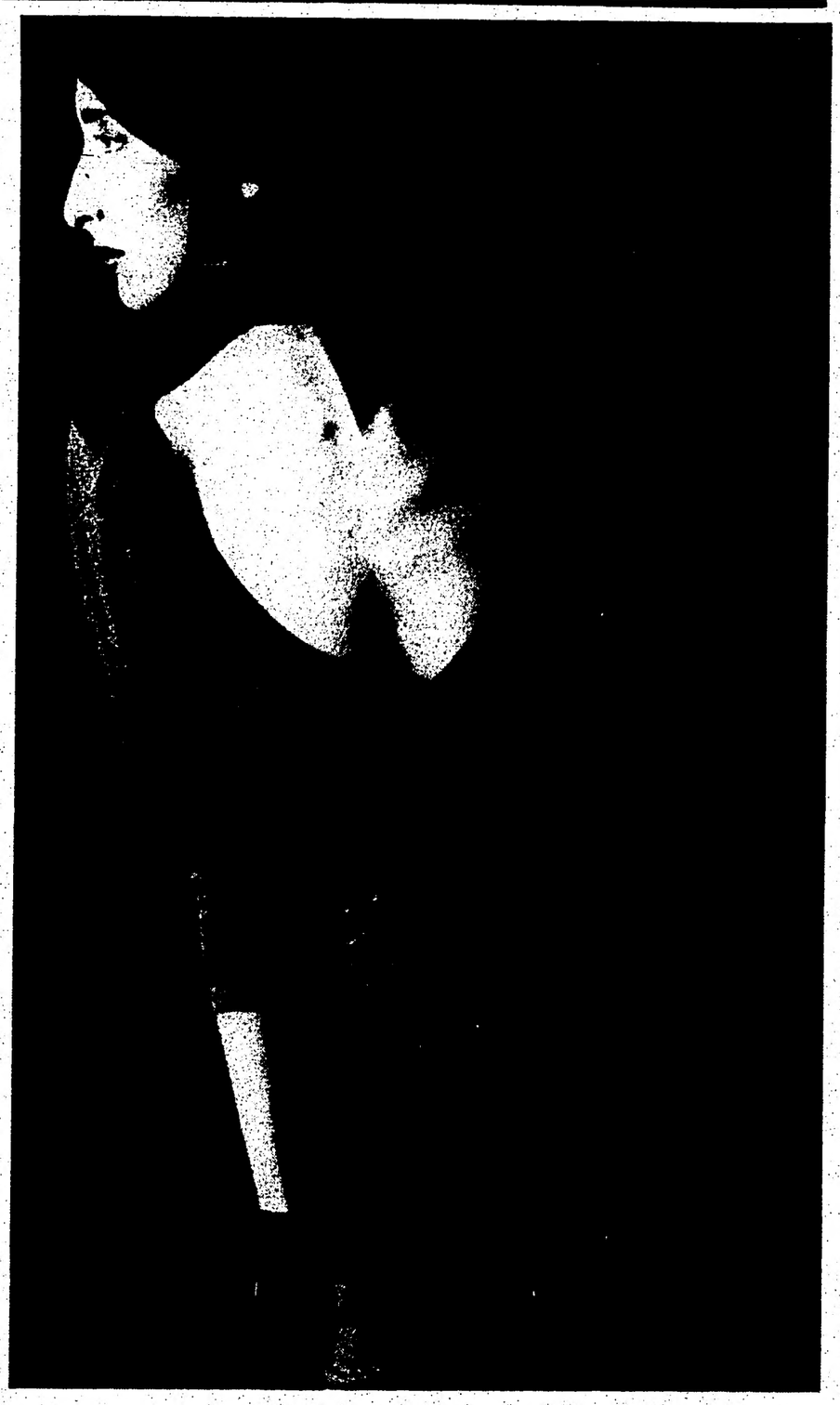
His more covered shapes are dramatically sophisticated, many with sweetheart or modified V necks, and one slim jersey with shirred insets features a startlingly low, wide decolletage.

As always, Caras' long-sleeved dresses feature his unique shoulder: tuck pleats at the sleeve top rise gently over his design of half-moon shoulder pads, which are solidly sewn-in to create a shoulder that is softly squared and very feminine.

"Grand exits are as important to this designer as great entrances," noted the press last year. And it's even more true for spring.

Eye-catching collar treatments dip dramatically behind, baring a big slice of back; a 1-shoulder dress features a frill of organza which stands up behind like an Elizabethan's ruff; several of the dresses appear starkly simple until the wearer turns around to reveal swaths of draped chiffon and big bare cutouts.

Two color themes are evident: the urbanity of black, often set off with white, and vivid ice-cream or jewel shades in daring combinations.



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Torah study centre open to community at large

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — Since opening its doors last September, a Montreal Torah study centre and its American founders have been welcoming the Jewish community at large to its regimen of seminar study and talmudic discourse.

This constitutes a unique facet of the Montreal Community Kollel, says one of its leaders, Rabbi David Elias.

"Other kollelim are intended only for post-graduate students of yeshivot who want to further their studies, develop careers in rabbinic teaching, or simply to excel.

"That is the program for the day students. But during the evening, we are the only kollel in Montreal for the community at large." Elias recalls one student who walked in, "not even knowing the aleph-bays (Hebrew alphabet)."

Elias, 34, and Rabbi Osher Mintz and their families were two of the dozen families ("seventy souls," says Elias), who moved to Montreal last year to establish the institute. Elias and Mintz are the "Roshei Hakollel," the centre's leaders.

Ten of the 12 families came from a kollel in Lakewood, NJ, which has been the wellspring for similar kollelim in Toronto, Detroit, Manhattan, Chicago, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, and Melbourne.

They were invited to form the kollel at the request of two Montrealers, Rabbi Yakov Abramczyk and David Muller, who felt that a large number of adults could benefit from the presence of a dynamic community centre.

The Montreal Community Kollel is called Kollel Keter Torah (crown of the Torah), named in honor of a Torah institute in pre-war Radomsk, Poland. Montreal Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Pinchus Hirschprung is the president of the kollel, which is renting space from Yeshiva Gedola-Merkaz Hatorah at 6100 De Vimy Ave.

On any given evening, as many as 40 individuals take part in classes offered at elementary to advanced levels. They include such subjects as Gemorrah, Mishna, Halacha, Chumash, Tanach and even kashrut.

The kollel is also establishing ties with the general Montreal Jewish Community by organizing lectures at synagogue, and before youth and women's groups, "outside the perimeter" of a kollel's customary environs.

The day seminars, by contrast, are restricted to advanced classes, where the married, post-graduate American student scholars, some of whom are already certified as rabbis, engage in energetic seminar study.

The criteria for admission to the day program, Elias points out, are rigorous, based strictly on scholarship for a 3-year program of study. To date, six Montrealers have been accepted into the daytime kollel.

"We look for scholars who could contribute to the community," said Elias. The average student age is from 25 to 30, and Elias notes that "when you have 12 scholars (at a seminar), there's a sound of electricity and learning in the air."

The funding of the kollel, Elias said, is through local sources in the community. There is no tuition or fees for the day or evening students.

Elias said that the Montreal Jewish community has been "very supportive" of the kollel, whose existence has been revealed mostly by word of mouth. The kollel's opening ceremony last fall was attended by about 20 rabbis, including Montreal's two chief rabbis.

Moving from New Jersey to French-speaking Montreal has not posed any particular problems, either, Elias said. "The children are adjusting well to the local schools, although I would have liked to dust off the three years of high school French I took."

The Orthodox community here, Elias believes, is "interested in having its sons and daughters marry here and stay." The kollel can serve as a "hub" for future community development, he feels.

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Arts

Benny Cooperman episode to air March 15

CBC's show about Jewish gumshoe disappoints

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Benny Cooperman, Howard Engel's fictional Jewish gumshoe, is at it again.

On Sunday, March 15, at 8.p.m., on the CBC national television network, Cooperman will match wits with a born-again Christian and a flock of wayward souls.

Entitled *Murder Sees The Light*, the episode stars Toronto actor Saul Rubinek as Benny.

Last season's opener, *The Suicide Murders*, hinged on an elaborate blackmail plot. This year's edition goes beyond blackmail, touching on the occult, sexual misconduct and financial malfeasance.

You might assume that such a heady brew would induce some excitement. It does not. ***Murder Sees The Light*** **is disappointingly flat, hardly as satisfying as** *The Suicide Murders*.

It all gets underway when Cooperman is called upon to watch Norbert Patten (Kenneth Welsh), an American TV evangelist who has fled to Algonquin Park to await a Supreme Court decision regarding the tax status of his Ultimate Church.

Cooperman takes the assignment, even though he's plainly not keen about sleuthing in the country, beautiful as it is. Nature, you see, makes him nervous. Citified to the bones, he'd rather track down villains in an urban landscape.

For Cooperman, "untamed nature" is a dandelion growing through the cracks on a sidewalk.

Cooperman sets off by posing as an outdoorsman. Needless to say, he wears his disguise thinly. He fumbles with his fishing gear, he can barely start an outboard motor, he can't read a map, and he's terrified of black flies.

Before you know it, strange things begin to happen. Patten's boat is sabotaged, nearly killing the highrolling, fast-talking Southern preacher, and an Indian guide is found dead in a culvert.

Cooperman's prominent nose smells something fishy. As he puts it, "There's a taste of bile in my chopped liver."

No fool, Cooperman gets to the bottom of the conundrum and succeeds in solving yet another case.

You would think that all this thrashing around in the late summer bush would produce some genuine moments of tension. But amazingly enough, you wait in vain.

Murder Sees The Light unfolds like a slow motion film, heavy and practically humorless. Even Cooperman, played adequately by Rubinek, is dragged down by the inertia.

Somewhere in the wilderness of northern Ontario, it sinks into oblivion.

Saul Rubinek as Benny Cooperman.

Frivolous pseudo-satire is stylish but dated

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

The Women (running until April 4 at the Royal Alexandra Theatre) is meant to be an old bowl of scalding venom poured on the rich bitches of Park Avenue.

That, apparently, is what the Shaw Festival had in mind when it revived Clare Boothe Luce's 51-year-old Broadway satire.

Director Duncan McIntosh notes in the program that when this catty comedy originally opened in 1936, thousands of Depression families were living in tar paper shacks in Central Park.

He quotes Luce as having said: "The women who inspired this play deserved to be smacked across the face with a meat axe and that, I flatter myself, is exactly what I smacked them with."

Well, God knows, there's plenty of blood-red color splattered about this handsome production. Award-winning designer Michael Levine has featured an almost blinding, garish scarlet in his main set, which consists of racks of ketchupy dresses towering up to the ceiling.

There's also a reddish tinge in both the lighting and the clever cyclorama of other sets which include a Park Avenue bridge club, beauty parlor, dress fitting rooms, nightclub powder room, maternity ward, Reno divorce hotel, and elegant bathroom, where a blonde trollop lolls in her bubble bath while chatting with her lover with a reddy gold telephone in hand.

But the meat axe that Luce wields does not produce blood.

To switch back to my original simile, I found this bowl a stylish, but sadly dated antique, its satire tepid and tame, and the wealthy harridans it strives to mock so shallow they seem more like cartoons than humans.

Most surprising of all, the much vaunted feline wit of Clare Booth Luce I found to have grown feeble over the years, her brittle wisecracks now reminding me of popcorn grown stale.

Certainly there's not much bite in the few shopworn lines that made me smile wanly. One of them defined a virgin as a "frozen asset" and the other declared: "The first man who can explain rationally how he can be in love with two women at once ought to win that prize they hand out in Sweden."

Predatory young floozy

Those who saw the 1939 movie version, starring Norma Shearer and Talullah Bankhead, will recall that it deals with a sweet, faithful wife, who after 12 years of marriage, discovers via the scandalmongerers at the beauty parlor that her rich Wall St. husband has ditched her for a predatory young floozy who works at a department store.

The rest of the thin plot details her attempts to win her male meal ticket back amid a Greek chorus of advice from her so-called friends — a pack of prattling, back-biting, hair-pulling harpies spiteful enough to make any male swear off marriage.

Apart from the witty sets, the only other redeeming virtue I found in this creaky vehicle was watching the fine cast of Canadian actresses in action exchanging their malicious banter.

I particularly admired Camille Mitchell as the blonde young golddigger; Irene Hogan as the romantic old battleaxe bearing the pelts of five husbands; Susan Cox as the epitome of a clawing alleycat; and Lally Cadeau as the Goody Two Shoes Wife who decides to switch from a wimp to a fanged woman.

Sumup: A frivolous pseudo-satire geared for a specialized audience who finds nothing more entertaining than watching women, with their hair and other appurtenances down, indulging in mud wrestling.

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The Melville Boys

Original Canadian play makes viewer laugh and cry

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Let's offer a grand salute to an original Canadian play that makes you laugh and cry.

It's no Neil Simon Broadway boffollo full of rat-tat-tat gag lines.

But it is that Canadian rarity, a bittersweet comedy whose low key humor springs from the character of ordinary working-class people. And it's fresh and funny, touching and heart-gouging.

It's titled *The Melville Boys*, and I urge you to see it before it ends its engagement on March 21 at the St. Lawrence Centre.

The author of this Centre-stage production is Norm Foster, a Toronto-born radio announcer in his 30s, who has worked in top-40 stations from Thunder Bay to Fredericton, and whose plays have been acclaimed by critics everywhere but in his own home town.

His present comedy, directed with nice understatement by Jerry Franken, is not cluttered with the usual irrelevancies that boobytrap other Canadian playwrights.

It focuses on two brothers who are spending the weekend at their uncle's cottage, ostensibly to do nothing but fish and drink beer.

Owen Melville, the younger brother, is a horny, amusing and irresponsible 21-year-old, content with his job on the assembly line at a plastic garbage bag factory, and ready for a libidinous fling before his marriage in three weeks.

His brother, Lee, is a steady, bald-pated and sincere married man in his 30s, with a wife, two daughters, and a longtime job as the reliable foreman of the plastic factory.

It turns out that he has arranged this weekend together so that he can break the news to his kid brother about his impending death within a year from a malignant tumor. But Owen refuses to listen to him, rebelling against the possible responsibility of having to take care of Lee's family.

Enter two sisters whose mother runs the local general store catering to cottagers.

Loretta is a sexy and selfish blonde vamp in her 20s, who gives a hilarious demonstration of the Marilyn Monroe-type bimbo she portrays in a seductive hard-sell local TV commercial for cars. Inevitably, she and her randy male counterpart Owen shack up for the night.

Her older sister, Mary, the epitome of the nice girl, whose husband abandoned her two years ago, yearns for the kisses and companionship of a good man.

Lee obviously fills that bill. But he won't oblige her. After all, he *is* a married man, and he takes his obligations seriously. The byplay between these two decent people, as they play poker during the night, is wonderfully tender, witty and heartwarming.

It would be unfair to reveal here the unexpected ending of the play. It's enough to say that the four Canadian actors — Morison Bock, Keith Thomas, Shannon Lawson and Michelle Fisk — make the characters they portray utterly real and likeable, the sort of Canadians you'd like to spend an evening with.

The program notes say that Foster's next play, *My Darling Judith*, a tragicomic piece about a marriage breakup, will open this fall at Theatre New Brunswick. I look forward to spending an evening with its characters, too.

Morison Bock and Michelle Fisk co-star in heartwarming bittersweet comedy, The Melville Boys, at St. Lawrence Centre.

Print series show on Pesach plagues at JCC March 28

TORONTO —

The first Canadian solo showing of work by American painter, printmaker and sculptor Adele Cohen will be on view at the Bloor JCC about a week before Passover begins. The timing is appropriate to the work.

Between March 28 and April 5, Cohen will show a series of 10 prints, each image corresponding to the 10 plagues brought by God against the Egyptians.

Cohen who has exhibited extensively throughout the United States has her work is in the collection of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo, where she lives. She is also represented in the collections of the Museum of Modern Art Lending Library, the University of Massachusetts and private collections in New York, Buffalo and Cleveland.

She is listed in Who's Who in American Women and Who's Who in American Art, a bio states; and has received a number of awards from various organizations.

Cohen, who is concentrating on sculpture now, worked on the plague series for three years.

It is the first time she has dealt with the Passover theme, having already completed paintings based on the sacrifice of Abraham and David's lament. She adds that she also works on secular subjects.

Though Cohen admires the work of (American abstract painter) Robert Motherwell, Pablo Picasso and other artists, the source of her highly abstract imagery is "my head. I usually work that way. The image comes from the words or the idea."

About the Passover series she says: "I think they are illustrative. That was the original thought — to publish them as a book, but that got beyond me.

"I didn't know how to do it as a book, how to go about it and the pieces got too large."

Cohen, who previously exhibited in a group show at Toronto's Del Bello Gallery, says the works are for sale as a series (with 25 portfolios available) and include a colophon (a "table of contents" to the suite).

The Ten Plagues are also being shown at Jewish Community Centres in Vancouver, Portland, Buffalo, Cleveland and Seattle.

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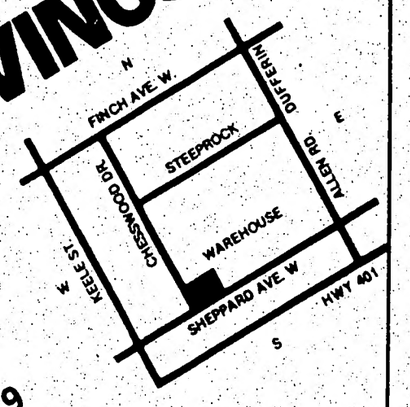

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Albert White Gallery: Drawings, lithographs and etchings by David Hockney. 80 Spadina Ave., 865-1021.

Art Gallery of Ontario: *Gaugin and His Circle in Brittany — The Prints of the Pont Aven School*, 85 works including lithographs, etchings and woodcuts opens March 28; *Rouault: Miserere*, a portfolio of 58 of his prints, to March 22; *Roger and Myra Davidson Collection*, 50 large works by contemporary artists, to March 22; *Alexander and John Robert Cozens*, 18th-century English landscape artists, to March 29; *The Norcen Gift: 20th Century Canadian Art*, a selection of works donated to the AGO by Norcen Energy Resources Ltd. to April 19; Exhibit of new Jack Bush acquisitions, opens March 13; *Spring Thing — The Big Break*, a variety of programs for the school holiday, March 16-20. 317 Dundas St. W., 977-0414.

A Show of Hands: Ceramics by Denise-Puize Grenier and Anita Rocomara; Papier Mache by Meike Cadot to March 14. 1947 Avenue Rd., 782-1696.

Bau-Xi Gallery: Abstract paintings by John Anderson to March 28. 340 Dundas St. W., 977-0600.

Bonnie Kagan Gallery: Mixed-media paintings by Helen Zenith. 80 Spadina Ave., suite 304. 364-6181.

Carmen Lamanna Gallery: New paintings by Ron Martin. 840 Yonge St., 922-0410

Columbus Centre Art Gallery: *Works by members of The Oriental Art Brush Painting Art Club of Canada*, opens March 15. 901 Lawrence Ave. W. 789-7011.

Dubie Arie (Studio): Special viewing of the artist's Under the Wing of God and the Shadow of Amalek. March 15, 22 and 29. 253 Robert Hicks Dr. RSVP to 665-9744.

Evelyn Aimis Fine Art: Recent sculpture by Gordon Ferguson opens March 14; Recent paintings and drawings by Sheila Butler. 14 Hazelton Ave., 961-0878.

First Impressions Gallery: *SoHo in To.*, Work by James Rizzi and SoHo graffiti artists Crash, Cutrone Daze, Kostobi, to March 19; Work by contemporary Spanish artists opens March 21. 334 Dundas W., 591-8461.

Galerie Evan: Work by Anton Cetin to March 14. Renaissance Plaza, 150 Bloor St. W., 323-3713.

Gallery 44: Large format photos by Sheila Hall, opens March 17. 109 Niagara St. 363-5187.

Gallery One: New paintings by Jules Olitski, opens March 14. 121 Scollard St., 929-3103.

Garnet Press: Work by Warren Quigley, to March 21; Work by Isaac Applebaum, opens March 28. 580 Richmond St. W., 366-5012.

George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art: Raku by Hanna Back to March 22; Permanent collection includes Pre-Columbian pottery, English delftware, Continental and English porcelain and Italian majolica. 111 Queen's Park, 593-9300.

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Hollander York Gallery: Acrylic paintings by Shirley Cheechoo. 120 Scollard St., 923-9275.

Isaacs Gallery: Work by Gathie Falk, to March 27. 179 John St., 595-0770.

Jane Corkin Gallery: Photos by William Klein to March 31; *The Country*, landscape photos from 1848. 179 John St., 979-1980.

John B. Aird Gallery: *Expression in 3-D*, exhibition of work by the Sculptor's Society of Canada. Macdonald Block, 900 Bay St. at Wellesley., 965-4706.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: 65th annual exhibit of photos, to March 26; *Chroma Quebec*, a juried exhibition of contemporary Quebec artists, opens April 2. Hart House, University of Toronto, 978-2453.

Koffler Gallery: *Sugluk: Sculpture in Stone 1953-1959*, More than 40 major sculptures by the people of Sugluk, one of the northernmost Quebec Inuit communities, to March 27. 4588 Bathurst St. 636-1880.

Leo Kamen Gallery: Works on paper by Maureen Enns and Sophie Jungreis, opens March 14. 80 Spadina Ave., 365-9515.

Marianne Friedland Gallery Ltd.: Work by Paul Cesar Helleu. 122 Scollard St., 961-4900.

Market Gallery: *Face to Face with Toronto's History*, An exhibition of paintings, photographs and sculptures from the archives collection that examines the importance of portraiture as it relates to Toronto's history, to April 26. 95 Front St. E., 392-7604.

McMichael Canadian Collection: *The Vital Vision: Ruth Annagtuusi Tulurialik*, opens March 15; *Horatio Walker Retrospective*, oil paintings, watercolors and sketeches, to April 5; *Raven's Work: Northwest Coast Indian Art*, to September 1988. In Kleinburg, 893-1121.

Mira Godard Gallery: *The Mira Godard Gallery; 25 Years*, paintings by Jean Paul Riopelle, and a survey of contemporary works chronicling the gallery's history. 22 Hazleton Ave., 964-8197.

Gallery NYAC: Works on paper by Paula Latcham, to March 15; Paintings by Jean Bury, opens March 17. Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Dr., 255-4486.

Oskar Asher Schmidt Museum: Jewish ceremonial art from the collection of John and Molly Pollock to May 1. Lipa Green Building, 4th floor, 4600 Bathurst St., 635-2883

RM Gallery: *Holocaust*, a series of paintings by Eduardo da Rosa. Village By The Grange, 71 McCaul St., 482-7207.

Royal Ontario Museum: *Medieval Display*, selections from the medieval holdings; *Colorful Delights: Emroideries from Islamic Lands*, 19th-century garments and textile pieces; *Buddhist and Hindu Stone Sculptures of South Asia*, 12 sculptures dating from the 2nd to the 10th century; *20th Century Ceramics*, work by Picasso, Leach, Rie and New Brunswick potters Kjeld and Erica Deichmann; *Sculpture from the South Asian Collection*, five recent acquisitions from the Far Eastern department; *Caravans and Clipper Ships*, drawn from Silk Roads, China Ships, examines ancient trade routes linking Asia and the West. 100 Queen's Park Cres., 586-5551/2/3.

Waddington & Shiell Galleries: Sculpture by Don Foulds to March 18; Paintings by Stewart Waltzer. 33 Hazelton Ave., 925-2461.

Yaneff Gallery: *Peruvian Artifacts*, Aymara weavings and silver from the collection of Christiane Lefebvre. 119 Isabella St., 924-6677.

Ydessa Gallery: Installation by Noel Harding. 334 Queen St. W., 593-1100.

York University Art Gallery: *The Book of the Seven Lagoons*, an environmental project by Helen Mayer Harrison and Newton Harrison to March 22; P/PO multiplied from the permanent collection, Feb. 19 to March 22. Ross Bldg. room N-145, 4700 Keele St., 736-5169.

YYZ: *Means of Measurement*, Paintings by Jack Niven. 116 Spadina Ave., 367-0601.

Marlene treats subject with sympathy, respect

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Marlene Dietrich is an old woman today, but what an old woman! The German-born former movie actress, a fierce anti-Nazi in her day, may sound a mite frail as she slurs and trips over some of her words. But Marlene, far from being over the hill mentally, emerges as a sharp, level-headed person in Maximilian Schell's retrospective about her life.

His 90-minute film, *Marlene*, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, provides a viewer with a sympathetic impression of a smart, sardonic, world-weary, practical, sentimental and lonely lady whose long career ended about a decade ago.

Marlene might be described as a bilingual talking head (in German and in English), even though she does not appear on the screen once. There are numerous clips of Marlene in her prime and past it, but not once do you see her as she looks today. She has been photographed more times than she can remember and, as she tells Schell, she does not want to be scrutinized by the cameras yet again. You suspect, however, that vanity may explain Marlene's refusal to cooperate with Schell.

There are moments when her uncooperative spirit extends into the question-and-answer sessions with Schell. At one point, she ducks one of his questions and refers him to her autobiography. On balance, Marlene is not that difficult, as she recalls her pampered childhood in Berlin, her role in *The Blue Angel* and other films, her flight from Nazi Germany, her decision to join the U.S. Army, and her general, usually curt impressions of people she worked with over the years.

She calls her films "rubbish"

If Marlene comes down rather hard on some of her fellow workers in the film world, particularly the actor Emil Jannings, she does not spare herself either. She describes her films as "rubbish" and says she never watches them anymore. Marlene claims she did not regard her career seriously and confesses that, in her youth, she was callow and ignorant.

She saves her harshest comments for her fellow Germans. Marlene, who divides her time today between Europe and the U.S., says they followed Hitler down the road to catastrophe because they hungered for a charismatic leader who would impose order on their lives.

And while Marlene was not entirely immune to this Germanic yearning, she drew the line after the Nazis came to power — leaving Germany and, during World War II, joining the American Army to speed Hitler's defeat.

In this respect, Marlene refers to the concentration camps, making nonsense of the notion that ordinary Germans did not know about them.

Marlene is a cinematic portrait of a beautiful, hardboiled woman who never lost sight of her basic values and good sense. When millions of Germans were being swept away by the tide of Nazism, she stood her ground and showed them what decency meant.

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Anecdotes reflect scientist's experiences

Einstein penetrating portrait of gentle Jewish genius

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Einstein (running until March 28 at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 630-6752) is a charming portrait of a gentle Jewish genius.

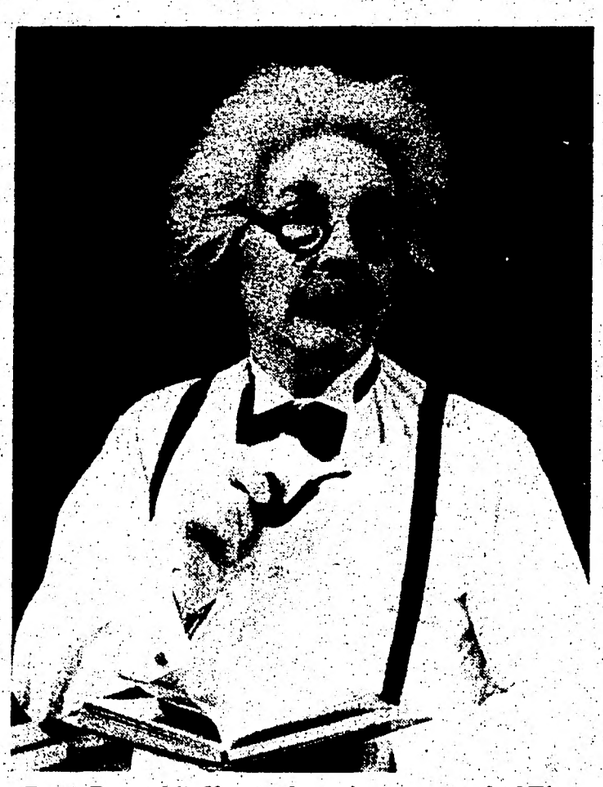
Winnipeg-born playwright Gabriel Emanuel has written a well-researched script, based on true life, which offers an illuminating, warts-and-all picture of the Nobel Prize-winning scientist.

As directed by Gordon Wiseman and performed by Peter Boretski, the 120-minute, 1-man show depicts him as an eccentric, genial *zayde* — in bare feet yet — but with humor and humanity.

I found the interpretation a little too cute at times, too absent-minded-professorish. To my taste, it did not reveal enough of the physicist's passion and horror as a pacifist after the drop of the atom bomb which he helped create.

But then, evidently, that's not how Emanuel, his stage biographer, sees him.

What we see at the curtain's rise is Albert Einstein in his cluttered den in Princeton, NJ, on his 70th birthday, six years before his death in 1955.



Peter Boretski offers a charming portrayal of Einstein in the 1-man show at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

He is a paunchy, amiable man, with the familiar aureole of white hair and droopy white moustache, reminding one at first of Mark Twain with a light German accent.

He is sitting relaxed on a swivel chair in front of his desk and a blackboard scrawled with mathematical equations. He is attired in a rumpled leather jacket and baggy tuxedo trousers. He is wiggling his bare toes.

As he explains to the audience, during the course of a homey, easygoing monologue for the rest of the evening, he sees no logic in wearing stockings because they soon get full of holes.

In essence, we hear from him a series of anecdotes, many of them amusing, as he reflects on him experiences, his philosophy and his foibles.

Among other things, we learn that he plays the violin; that the doctor has forbidden him to smoke but he mooches pipe tobacco from his friends; that salt and butter are verboten ingredients for the cold macaroni he munches before our eyes; that his son Mark is a mentally disturbed schizophrenic; and that his late wife Elsa was a fuss-budget who protected him from the crass practicalities of the outside world.

Some of his stories are absolutely hilarious.

One of the funniest tells how he used to play violin duets with Queen Elizabeth of Belgium, but he absent-mindedly forgot her address. When he phoned for the information, a skeptical court flunkey said, "If you're really Dr. Einstein, you should know how to reach the queen's palace — or figure it out with your brain."

The show also milks for laughs the American wheeler-dealers who besiege him with commercial offers to exploit his name when he was forced to flee from Hitler's Germany in 1933 to the Institute for Advanced Studies in Princeton. The hucksters wanted to sign him up for an Einstein brain food, a hair shampoo bearing his name, and a cigar called Relativity featuring his photo on the label.

Einstein is pictured as being a *naif* about Judaism. He was raised in a non-religious home, oriented toward Catholicism, and always regarded himself as a good German scientist. But with the rise of the Nazis, he quickly learned that they regarded him as a Jew first and a scientist second.

Deprived of his German citizenship and his property confiscated, he fled from Berlin's Royal Prussian Academy of Science, with a reward of 5,000 marks for his head and headlines reading, "Einstein, Good Riddance!"

It seems to me the script doesn't make enough of Einstein's deepening awareness of his Jewish roots.

It treats lightly the historic fact that he frequently toured the U.S. with the Zionist leader-cum-scientist Chaim Weizmann to raise funds for a Jewish homeland in Palestine. And it dismisses with a joke that he was "a scientist and not a politician" when rejecting Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's offer to become President of Israel after Weizmann had died holding that office.

I was also disappointed in the script's once-over-lightly treatment of Einstein's anguish after the misuse of nuclear energy in the hands of mankind.

The show ends with Einstein's warning, "God does not play dice with the universe and neither should we." I felt that it could have made a stronger statement by citing his lesser-known lament: "In the hands of our generation, these hard-won achievements of science are like a razor wielded by a child of three."

Nevertheless, despite these deficiencies, it's a penetrating portrait that's both stimulating and entertaining. It's the kind of worthwhile theatre that does credit to the Leah Posluns.

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Snake oil salesmen clash

Tin Men leaves lots of laughs

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

One of the funniest films this year will surely be *Tin Men*, now playing at Famous Players theatres.

Starring that enormously talented duet, Richard Dreyfuss and Danny DeVito, *Tin Men* leaves the peal of genuine laughter in its wake.

You aren't likely to see more than a handful of films this season that pack so much hilarity into about 2 hours.

The credit, first and foremost, is due to writer and director Barry Levinson, the maker of *Diner*, *The Natural* and *Young Sherlock Holmes*.

Levinson is blessed with a wacky sense of humor, an enviable ear for the natural rhythms of speech and a superb sense of timing. In *Tin Men*, he manages to use all these qualities to good effect.

But without a stellar cast, Levinson would not have gone too far with his project.

Dreyfuss (*The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz* and *The Goodbye Girl*) plays the part of Bill (BB) Babowsky, a fiendishly clever, vindictive tin man — an aluminum siding salesman who lives by his wits by preying on the gullable.

Babowsky's life is rolling along smoothly until he backs his shiny new Cadillac out of the dealer's driveway and gets hit by Ernest Tilley (DeVito), another tin man on the make.

Tilley positively ruins Babowsky's day, and while he wants to back out of a confrontation, Babowksy won't let him. Tongues wag and, eventually, fists fly. The standoff ends when Babowsky promises "to get even" with Tilley.

Babowksy, having embarked on a collision course with Tilley, realizes only when it is too late that he has gone too far in his vendetta.

Dreyfuss is marvellous as a man possessed. And he is truly wonderful as the ultimate thieving snake oil salesman.

DeVito, a dumpy little guy who exercises his wrath by wiggling his head sideways, keeps pace with Dreyfuss as the film turns tight dramatic corners.

They are ably supported by such Damon Runyonesque characters as Richard Portnow, John Mahoney and Seymour Cassell.

Barbara Hershey, who depicts Tilley's philandering wife, seems rather out place in this film.

Tin Men deserves all the plaudits it will garner in the months ahead.

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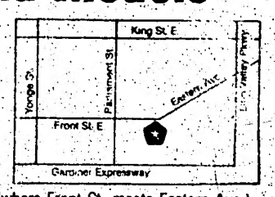

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Arts

Catholic priest concludes:

Christian theology key to centuries-old anti-semitism

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Anguish of the Jews, by Edward H. Flannery. Paulist Press, $12.95 U.S., (paperback).

In this classic history of anti-semitism, now reprinted in revised and updated form, Father Edward Flannery, a courageous and forthright Catholic priest, comes to a melancholy conclusion: anti-semitism is the longest and most virulent hatred in human history. He asks some anguished questions: why has it endured for 23 centuries and survived a genocide of six million of its victims? How did this amalgam of undying oppression come to be? Who and what were responsible for it?

In seeking an explanation for this seemingly unexpungeable scourge of the centuries the author asserts that the deicide accusation, the teaching that the Jews killed God in human form, was the cornerstone of Christian theology upon which the edifice of anti-semitism was built.

The Canadian poet Irving Layton wrote: "It was Christianity that carefully prepared and seeded the ground on which Europe's gas chambers and crematoria flourished." Hitler told two Roman Catholic bishops in 1933 that he merely intended to do more thoroughly what the church had tried to accomplish for 1,500 years. And the distinguished Roman Catholic philosopher Gregory Baum maintains: "It is clear that this terrible event, surpassing all that could be imagined, would not have been possible if hostility to the Jews had not been fostered by Christian preaching which spoke of Jews and Judaism from the beginning in terms of rejection. The Nazis didn't do anything new to the Jews. They just did it with a terrible efficiency and on a massive scale that has shocked and appalled mankind."

Father Flannery unflinchingly unfurls the terrible record of persecution. When Christians gained political ascendancy under Constantine, they transformed animosity into law. In 1215 and again in 1434 church councils decreed that the Jew don the dunce's conical hat; that he wear a yellow circle, symbolic of his betrayal of Christ for gold; and that he not venture onto the streets during Christian holy days. The ruthless Inquisitors hunted down, tortured and burned at the stake countless Jews who refused to forsake their belief in the oneness of Israel's God.

In 300 CE St. Ambrose praised the incineration of a synagogue as "an act pleasing to God." At the time of the Crusades, Christians on their way to the Holy Land plundered Jewish communities in their path. Three hundred of them were destroyed. Jews were expelled in turn from England, France, Spain and Portugal.

During the period of the Black Death (1347-1350), Jewish communities all over Europe were torn to pieces by a bewildered populace who looked for a likely scapegoat. Martin Luther said Jewish synagogues and schools should be burned and their homes destroyed — "for the honor of our Lord." John Calvin declared, "They should be oppressed beyond all measure, through an enormous succession of miseries and ills and let none show them pity."

The author asserts that two score years after the Holocaust the event is receding in public consciousness and that the old indifference and intolerance is returning. He finds a growing form of anti-semitism in anti-Zionism. "It is possible for high-minded citizens, politicians, intellectuals and clergymen to vent their hatred and distaste for Jews under the cover of sympathy for Arab refugees, Arab national aspirations and Third World ideologies."

Father Flannery provides no answers or solutions. He credits mainline churches for their recent excellent documents and resolutions on Jewish-Christian relations. But he laments the ignorance of most Christians as to what happened to Jews in Christian history and the extent of the involvement of the church and the churches' teachings. Until this information becomes widespread "the apathy and general lack of motivation will continue, as will the longest hatred in history."

This forceful indictment, this cry from the heart of an honest priest, should be widely read, distributed, and discussed — and not just by Jews.

At the Underground Railroad

Jazz songstress shows soul

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Arlene Smith

Arlene Smith, a Jewish jazz songstress born in Montreal, Juilliard-trained and seasoned in New York, will perform at the Underground Railroad, 225 King St. E. beginning March 16.

Smith, who now lives in Toronto, performs songs that combine melody, blues, sass and lucidity. Her style requires polished vocal training fused with emotional expressiveness and from-the-gut soul. She has charisma and sensuality.

Every jazz scene worth mentioning in North America has been graced by her presence, from old Montreal to Greenwich Village and the upper west side of New York. She is currently completing an extended run in Florida.

She is a definite plus to Toronto's jazz scene and deserves a loyal following here.

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Another highly gifted and sensitive Jewish artist is choreogapher Janet Aronoff. During the concert of her parent dance company, Juan Antonio's Confi-Danse, she earned raves through her choreographed presentation of her own work, Sola.

This is a powerful piece about women's self-assertiveness set to the music of perhaps the 1960s' most classically symphonic pop song: James Brown's Man's World.

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Uncle Moishy's Purim on Torah Island show at the Minkler Auditorium proved once again why the Toronto-based ensemble is North America's foremost Jewish children's band.

Their imaginative use of giant-sized gentle surrealistic puppets, supported with kooky yet purposeful skits and catchy songs with mostly original lyrics set to identifiable tunes, delighted a capacity crowd of children in the early primary grades. Their evening show featured the dynamic Yemenite-Israeli singer Yoel Sharabi.

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Temple Sinai's Shabbat Shira program, The Generation Before, was a fascinating and vitally illuminating historical perspective of the evolution of Jewish music in the postwar period.

The works of the previous generation's Jewish composers that adhere most closely to Judaic traditional modes have withstood the test of time, while those which musically conformed to other outside styles, today sound stuffy.

The Israeli-oriented compositions, such as Marc Lavri's Hora and Julius Chajes' El Yivneh Hagalil, retain a fresh vibrancy and melodic catchiness. The fact that the Chajes piece is the largest-selling Jewish choral work to this day, proves its timelessness.

After those two, the two traditional liturgical works, Isadore Freed's V'shamru and Max Helfman's Shma Koleinu, retain ageless relevance and beauty.

But choral works which are more assimilative musically, such as Schalit's Mi Yitmeini or Freed's Psalm 100 sound dated today.

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Soviet-Jewish emigre conductor Dev Markiz, now based in Holland where he regularly guest-conducts orchestras in Europe and Israel, will conduct the Royal Conservatory Orchestra March 13 at 8 p.m. For further information call 978-3771.

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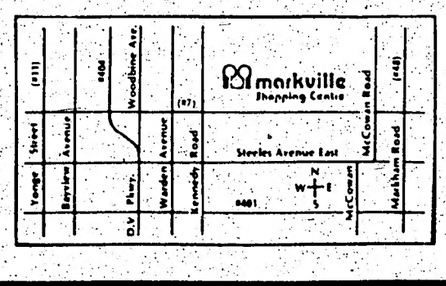

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One of Israel's tourism successes

Thousands flock to Dead Sea for healthful climate

BY
PAUL LUNGEN

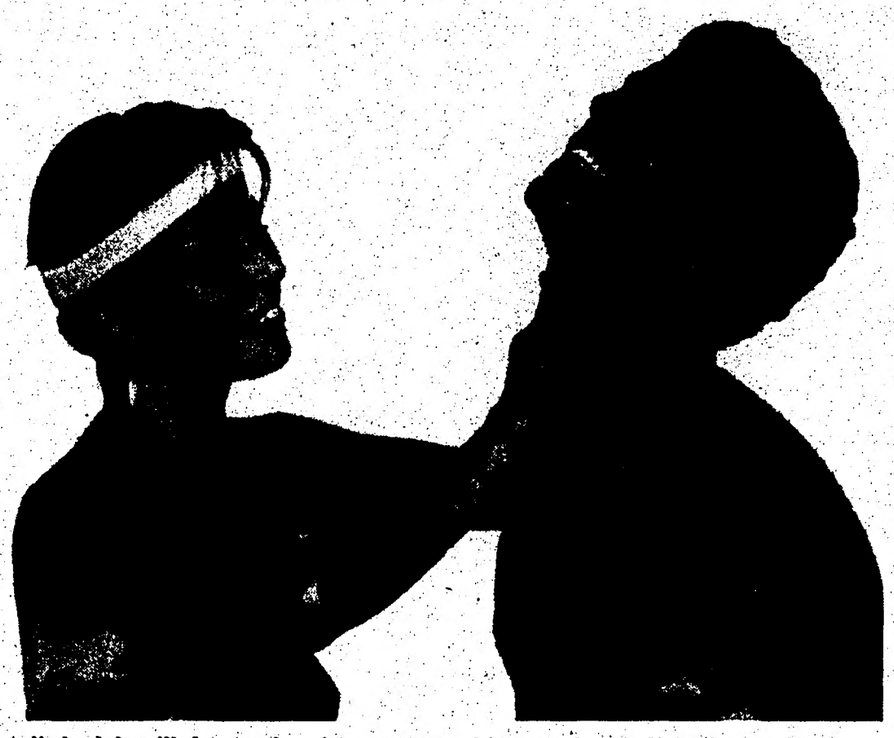
EIN GEDI, Israel —
The two women looked as if they were an apparition from one of filmmaker Ken Russell's more bizarre tales.

Dressed in yellow and green swimsuits, caked in rich brown mud with only a few inches of pink skin peering through, and topped off with lemon-yellow swim caps, the two somewhat overweight women trundled their way to the waterline.

Slowly, step by step, they immersed themselves in the health-giving liquid, until, at waist level, they began splashing the oily water on their arms. The bizarre ritual over, the two pulled themselves out of the water and made their way back to the ultra-modern spa for a dip in the hot baths.

While the colorful costumes of these two vacationing Europeans made for an almost comical sight, people covered in mud are not uncommon on the shores of the Dead Sea.

In fact, each year thousands flock to the area — many to take in the unique, primeval landscapes and historic sights — others seeking relief from painful skin diseases or forms of arthritis.



A little dab will do ya when it comes to caking on the medicinal mud from the Dead Sea area.

Catering to these vacationing groups are a variety of hotels, guest houses, youth hostels and bungalows. In fact, the Dead Sea tourism business is one of Israel's success stories. Boasting a remarkable occupancy rate of 87-90% year round, hotels along the salt water enclosed sea offer ready access to the therapeutic waters.

So highly regarded are the healing qualities of the Dead Sea, that governments and private health plans in Denmark, Finland, West Germany and Austria partially fund trips to the region for treatments, according to Jonathan Harpaz, a spokesman for Israel's ministry of tourism. Making its health-giving climate of equal interest to North Americans is a goal being pursued by the ministry.

A number of factors conspire to make the Dead Sea such a healthful region. During the winter, the temperatures span the 20-30C range, while in the summer they reach 40C. Rainfall is rare with 300 sunny, dry, days assured each year.

While the temperature of the water during the winter months is like that of any other lake, its high mineral content makes the Dead Sea out of the ordinary.

With a salinity content 10 times that of any ocean, the resulting buoyancy makes it impossible for even the most hopeless "sinker" to float.

The low alititude of the Dead Sea at 400 metres below sea level gives the area the highest concentration of oxygen in the world. The 23% oxygen content along with the pollen-free air is ideal for patients with respiratory problems while the dense layer of air reduces the danger of sunburn.

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The arthritis and rheumatism programs at Ein Gedi and at other spas in the region include a full range of treatments: hydrotherapy, mud treatments, sulphur baths, medical evaluations and supervision.

(Other sulphur baths are open to the public, providing relaxing diversions from the hustle and bustle of Jerusalem, only one hour away. The public baths at Ein Gedi are segregated into men's and women's pools, with two pools also available for coed bathing.)

At Ein Gedi, Ein Boqeq, Newe Zohar, Arad and Tsell Harim, all along the Dead Sea shore, deluxe accommodations are available with air-conditioned and heated rooms, night clubs, swimming pools and, of course, access to clinics.

When you're not busy taking the treatments and enjoying the incredible desert scenery, with its undulating and colorful landscape, you might consider a visit to the Ein Gedi nature reserve. Visitors can follow a trail up a hill overlooking Kibbutz Ein Gedi and the Dead Sea, where flora and fauna thrive thanks to freshwater springs. There's even a waterfall almost within view of the salt sea.

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Travel

Seeing Britain by boat

Vacationers take to waterways

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

WROXHAM, England — Just as family trailer and camper vacations have become popular, so today boating for family or small groups is attracting more enthusiasts each year. Now there are companies which will rent you a boat or barge to cruise the lakes and canals of England, the barge canals of France, and even the lakes and rivers of Canada.

Seeing Britain by motorboat, narrow canal houseboat, sail boat and even sailing barge is popular with holidaying Britons. Canadians are beginning to find out about such British holidays which include visits to waterside pubs and small hotels, seeing waterfowl on the inland rivers and marshes, the small towns and ancient buildings encountered en route and the informal pleasure of traveling on Britain's 3,000 miles (4,828 kilometres) of waterways.

In France some companies have introduced hotel barge cruising from April to November on trips ranging from three to six nights. Barges — sleeping from 8 to 24 passengers — with crews, are available, with comfortable cabins; and on the larger boats, with dining rooms.

You travel the main rivers and barge canals through old cities and small towns with tree-lined streets along the waterway and opportunities to visit historic places.

In Canada houseboats mainly for family groups have been developed, with some companies operating over many sections of the country. There are houseboats to be bought or rented on a weekend, weekly, monthly or even seasonal basis to cover the Trent and Rideau systems of southern Ontario, with many locks to traverse through hilly country, or to cover the larger lakes of the western provinces and western areas of Ontario.

In England this travel reporter boarded a 90-seater water bus at Wroxham for a tour of the rivers and small lakes of East Anglia, two hours by rail from London. The tour gave me an idea of what houseboat vacations in England would be like, as we passed by riverside cottages, small windmills, could watch long-legged herons on shore, pass ducks gliding by, even some Canada geese, pass the village of Horning and many families in their houseboats and motorboats.

This region of England, known as The Broads, has some 200 miles (322 km) of rivers and small lakes. The area was originally peat bogs in low-lying land which flooded and subsided. Windmills helped drain the bogs.

You travel on wide rivers and narrow streams. Sometimes the river level is above that of the surrounding land, sometimes below.

You pass between reeds and close to ducks and their brood of a dozen or so ducklings, see a wide variety of wild waterfowl such as grebes and bitterns, and pass under small stone arched bridges with people watching or fishing from above.

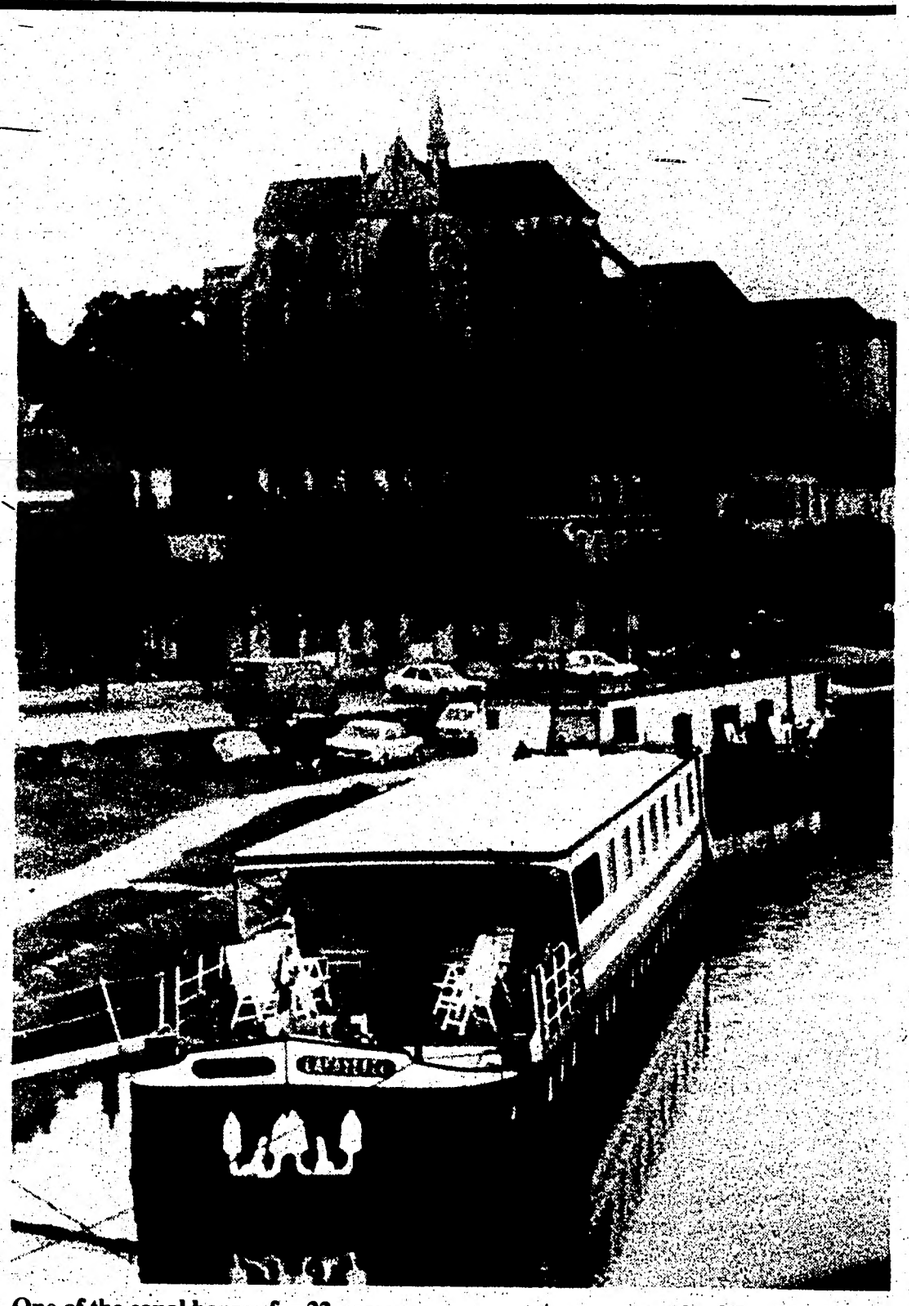
The waterways system extends over much of England and Wales. There are stretches where you can travel for hours without a lock, others where the terrain is so hilly you will have to lock the boat through several times in a mile of waterway.

You can travel by water all the way from London through central England via Oxford, Birmingham, Stoke, Manchester, a side trip into Wales, to Leeds and some areas south via the Humber River and Nottingham to London.

There is the Fenlands waterway north of Cambridge via the cathedral town of Ely or Peterborough to King's Lynn on the east coast. The Broads covers roughly the area from Norwich to Lowestoft on the North Sea coast.

One French company (Continental Waterways, 11 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. 02108) covers the area south of Paris to Chablis, Dijon to Chagny, from Fontainebleau to Sacerre, from Nancy to Strassbourg to Resancon, and in the south from Bordeaux to Toulouse to Carcassone. It even provides balloon trips as an extra.

For British boat trips contact the British Tourist Authority, 94 Cumberland St., Toronto M5R 3N3, phone (416) 961-8124. There are several companies in various parts of Canada with houseboats for rent or for sale, one of the larger being Three Buoys Houseboat Charters, 1835 Yonge St., Toronto, phone (416) 440-0165.



One of the canal barges for 22 passengers seen at Auxerre, south of Fontainebleau, France.

Tourism to Israel rebounds after sluggish 1986 season

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The slump in tourism to Israel may be over, according to officials of the ministry of tourism. They reported significantly improved figures for the last two months of 1986 and the beginning of 1987. In fact, the ministry predicts a 20% rise in American tourist traffic this year, although tourism from the U.S. and Canada has always lagged behind Europe.

The officials admit that 1986 was a very bad year for tourist traffic in Israel, as in Europe. They attributed it to the rash of terrorist acts, particularly the hijacking of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro in 1985, in which American passenger Leon Klinghoffer was murdered.

Overall tourist arrivals to Israel in 1986 amounted to 1.2 million, down 17% from 1985, the all-time record year. The figures included passengers from cruise ships who generally spend no more than a day in Israel and sailors from the U.S. Sixth Fleet on shore leave.

Optimism is based on tourism figures for December 1986, which exceeded 100,000 arrivals from Europe and were up 15% over December 1985; arrivals from the U.S. also were higher. The most substantial increase was registered by the resort town of Eilat on the Red Sea, which recorded 63,000 arrivals on direct flights from Europe, 37% more than in 1985.

Much of the traffic to Eilat comes on charter flights from northern Europe and the Scandinavian countries, attracted by the warm, sunny climate.

Europe is the main source of Israel's tourism, accounting for more than 60% of the visitors annually.

The U.S. supplies 22%. About 224,000 American tourists came to Israel in 1986, down 48% from 1985. Americans arriving in cruise ships numbered 1,800 last year, compared to more than 27,000 in 1985.

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Host of exciting events coming up

European flower shows will put bloom on vacations

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

LONDON —

Flower shows predominate in Europe in spring and early summer. Here in the hub of the British Commonwealth the Chelsea Flower Show will be held from May 19 to 22 at the Chelsea Royal Hospital with 22 acres of gardens in bloom.

Across the North Sea in Belgium the Royal Greenhouses at Laeken, not far from the capital city of Brussels, are open to visitors free. Here are not only the flowers of spring but also giant ferns, banana trees, azaleas and palm trees.

In neighboring Netherlands one of the world's largest flower shows at Keukenhof, within easy highway and rail distance from Amsterdam, is held during April and most of May when you can walk through acres of parkland blooming with tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and other early summer flowers, as well as through acres of greenhouses where dozens of different tulips are planted. En route to Keukenhof you will pass by fields and fields of these flowers in bloom.

There are many more floral displays in other parts of Europe, but there is more activity of another nature. There is, for instance the famous sculling race on the Thames River near London between the teams of Oxford and Cambridge Universities in April. The first of many horse racing events is the Grand National at Aintree racetrack at Liverpool in April followed by such famous races as the Derby at Epsom the first week of June, and the Royal Ascot June 16 to 19, the social event in the horse racing world for it is attended by Queen Elizabeth and other members of the Royal Family.

There are Lawn Tennis championships at Wimbledon in London, June 22 to July 5, and the Royal Henley Regatta on the Thames River July 1 to 5. Open golf championship events will be held near Edinburgh, July 16 to 19, while the spectacular military Royal Tournament will be at Earls Court, London, during the last two weeks of July.

A little farther afield on the island of Malta, off the toe of Italy, you can attend a carnival in mid-May at the capital city of Valletta and on the adjacent island of Gozo, with parades, sword dances and participants wearing elaborate costumes. Or come to Stockholm, Sweden, and attend theatrical performances at Drottningholm Court, believed the oldest rococo theatre in Europe from mid-May to mid-September.

At Zurich, Switzerland, there will be an International Art and Antique Fair the last week of April. In Pamplona, Spain, the San Fermin Festival from July 6 to 14 includes the Running of the Bulls, when bulls chase agile young men through the streets of the town and spectators watch behind strong fences.

Queen Elizabeth's official birthday is June 13 at London. This year the Queen will use an automobile to take the salute of the parading scarlet-coated troops. Previously she had taken it sitting on horseback.

Sailboat racing, Cowes Week, is the first ten days of August off the Isle of Wight, in southern England. On Jersey, one of the islands in the English Channel, there will be a Battle of Flowers in mid-August, with parades of flower-decked floats.

On July 2, and again on Aug. 16, the Palio takes place at Siena, Italy, a horse race with medieval-costumed riders around the oval in the centre of this ancient city. It is an exciting race with spectators lining the course on special stands and from the balconies and windows of medieval buildings.

The major aviation event of the year this year will be at Paris at Le Bourget Airport from June 10 to 20, when commercial, sport and military airplane manufacturers from around the world display their wares. There will be flights by military precision groups as well as flights of new commercial and sport aircraft.

A 24-hour automobile race, Le Mans, is from June 13 to 14 in the Paris area. A bicycle race, Tour de France, is slated for July 3 to 26, from Paris.

Throughout France July 14 is Bastille Day, recalling the revolution of 1792, with fireworks, street dancing and parades.

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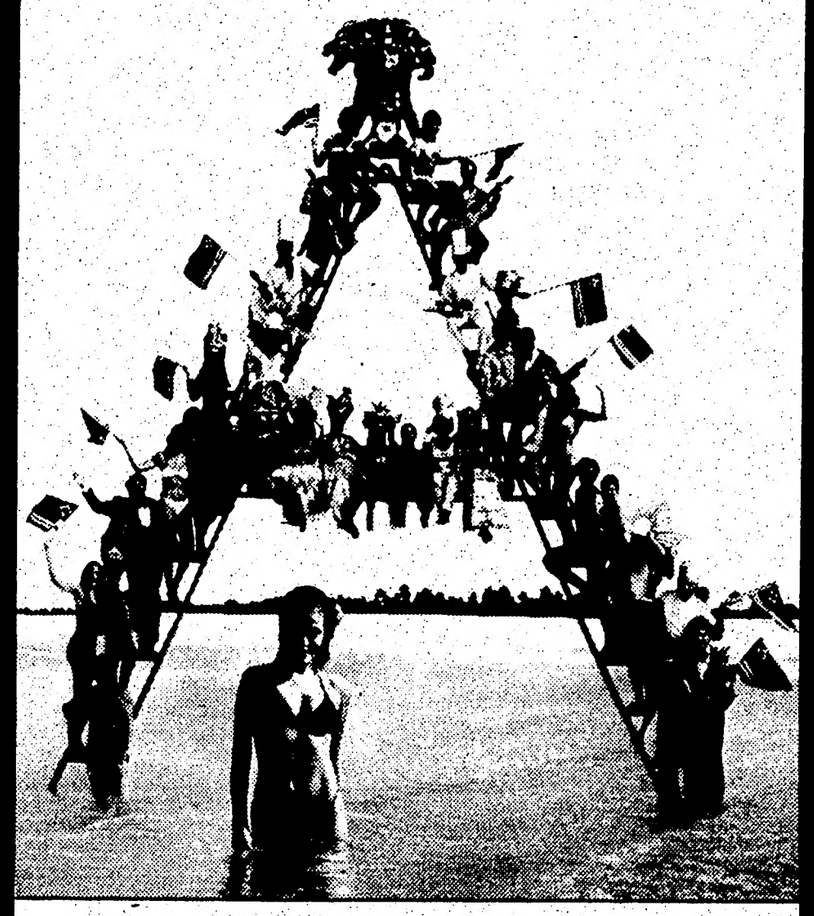

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Travel

Elegant Chesed El

New life for Singapore synagogue

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

SINGAPORE —
A synagogical jewel of unsurpassed elegance in the Far East — Sir Manessah Meyer's Chesed El — may soon come under Singapore's public control as a historic landmark in this island nation whose authorities past and present, have been hospitable to Jews since they first came there under British rule a century and a half ago.

The National Trust of Singapore is said to be willing to have Chesed El continue as "a house of prayer" should it officially become a national monument.

Prior to his death in 1930 at age 87, Sir Manesseh, who was believed to be the Far East's richest Jew as a result of his commercial and real estate ventures, left a trust for Chesed El's maintenance for 21 years after the death of his last surviving son. The trust met his goal, lasting a half-century.

However, when the funds ran out seven years ago the maintenance was shouldered by a small number of Singapore Jews. The burden on them is becoming excessive.

Chesed El, whose construction was completed in 1905, was Sir Manesseh's answer to his adversaries in a controversy among trustees of Singapore's Maghain Aboth Synagogue that had been constructed 27 years earlier — in 1878 under his leadership and at his expense as well. Maghain Aboth, Orthodox in the Sephardi tradition, like Chesed El, continues to be the core of Jewish life in Singapore.

In his History of Jews in Singapore, 1830-1945, Eze Nathan wrote that at the turn of this century "with more members (at Maghain Aboth), there were more arguments as congregants with different backgrounds found it hard to agree on the order of service and specific ritual."

"Exceedingly sensitive to these disorders," Sir Manesseh "dealt with the situation in his own way." He bought a nearby property for a temporary house of worship and conducted the service himself while construction began of his own synagogue, Chesed El, on his 173-acre estate in the heart of Singapore.

The synagogue was connected by a stairway with his mansion, Belle Vue. There was a mikvah nearby; a permanent succah large enough to accommodate most of the existing community, and a Talmud Torah and community centre. He paid all the costs of construction and maintenance.

For a quarter of a century, Sir Manesseh held Saturday afternoon sessions between mincha and maariv at the synagogue and offered a fine table of delicacies for all attending. But although there was no cost for worshippers — he paid the salary of a chazzan and benefitted men who regularly formed a minyan, Chesed El did not attract many of those who attended Maghain Aboth, in Waterloo St.

For the afternoon service on Yom Kippur last year, this reporter and his wife made the 25-minute walk to Chesed El from Maghain Aboth. There we found one person in the entire white and gold sanctuary with a capacity for 370. Attired in tropical tan clothes with a matching round yarmulka, the elderly man was leaning over the pulpit, his lips moving in silent prayer from the pages before him.

He was oblivious to visitors until the Indian caretaker addressed him "Mr. Kelly." It turned out "Kelly" was Daniel Kadoorie, a man both sad and friendly and now over 80, who worships regularly at Chesed El. He explained that some 40 persons had come for the morning service but "they all left in the afternoon" for Maghain Aboth.

Chesed El has a bare minyan on the Sabbath most of the year, but the Talmud Torah Sir Manesseh built and named for his youngest son — Reuben Manesseh Meyer Communal Hall functions better. It has about 35 pupils who meet every Sunday with Israelis as teachers.

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"Jump-ups," the lively parades that are the mainstay of Caribbean carnivals, are known for beautifully costumed revelers who cavort through the main streets of the town. These fanciful parades are accompanied by the tinkling sounds of steel bands and songs that linger in the cool tradewind breezes.

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For those who suffer with each step they take, which foot to put before the other is a decision worthy of King Solomon.

But most foot pain is needless, says Dr. Glen Copeland, a podiatrist at Women's College Hospital as well as at Mount Sinai's S.C. Cooper Sports Medicine Clinic.

Copeland, who also serves as Toronto Blue Jays team podiatrist, has parlayed his expertise in foot care — and Tridont Health Care Inc.'s business and marketing acumen — into a total concept footcare centre called Feet First.

"Most of the pain is related to the way a person walks, the type of shoes he or she wears or a combination of the two," Copeland said. "We can alter their walking style and type of shoes and this stops or alleviates the pain."

He said that it is estimated that 80% of all Canadians will have some foot problem in their lifetime which will force them to seek medical advice.

For women, the key reason for this is that "we live in a society that demands high fashion. The easiest part about making someone comfortable is if they'd wear what I'd like them to instead of what fashion dictates.

"When you wear a $300 outfit, you don't want to appear ugly — you want to wear a decent pair of shoes not sneakers," he said, adding that running shoes provide most people with maximum stability, flexibility and shock absorption.

Peter Feanney demonstrates new space-age orthotic invented by Dr. Glenn Copeland.

What Copeland recommends is that the high fashion shoe be modified with a custom-made support called an orthotic and the person wears a comfortable shoe whenever time and society allows.

From a podiatry standpoint, high heels are "a necessary evil."

"People tried to attribute their problem to high heels but actually tight, little pointed front created the problem by scrunching everything together.

Copeland said that if and when a person has a foot problem that's exasperated by high heels, it is strongly recommended that the problem be assessed to see if there is abnormal weight distribution.

The podiatrist said abnormal weight distribution — which is corrected by orthotics — in the foot can in turn create a disfunction in the knees or hips.

"We learned from long experience that knees and hips respond to orthotic treatment," he said.

"The study of how the leg and foot function is 15 or 20 years old but for centuries it's been understood there is a relationship. It's only now we're starting to unravel it."

Feet First, opened only since mid January, offers its customers properly fitted sports, fitness and comfort shoes; in-store physio-analysis and testing; custom-made orthotics; a full-range of foot care products; in-store physio-gym with individualized fitness programs designed by registered physiotherapists; and complete biomechanical gait analysis.

Copeland, who doesn't treat patients at the store, said the business exceeded first month expectations by 200%.

"The concept has been incredibly well received. I knew the idea would work — people are just tired of living with pain.

"It's been growing by leaps and bounds mostly by word of mouth. People who've tried it are referring their friends."

Plans are already in the works to open 30 to 35 stores across Canada in the next three years. Copeland said two American groups are negotiating with him and his partners to expand to the United States within the next four to six months. One group wants to open 50 stores in three years while the other sees 100 in five years as being viable.

"The store has been set up to appeal to anybody and everybody. The front of the store is a shoe store and we have fittings by registered physio-therapists who will properly assess the foot and fit the right shoe to the foot.

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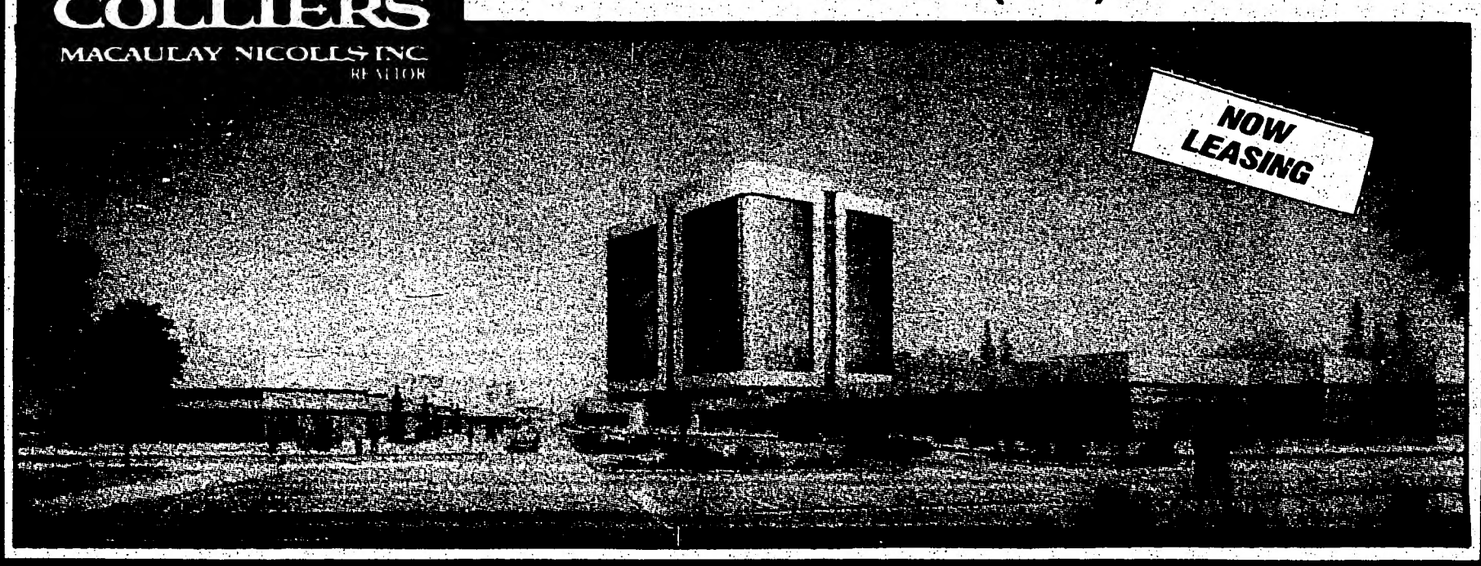

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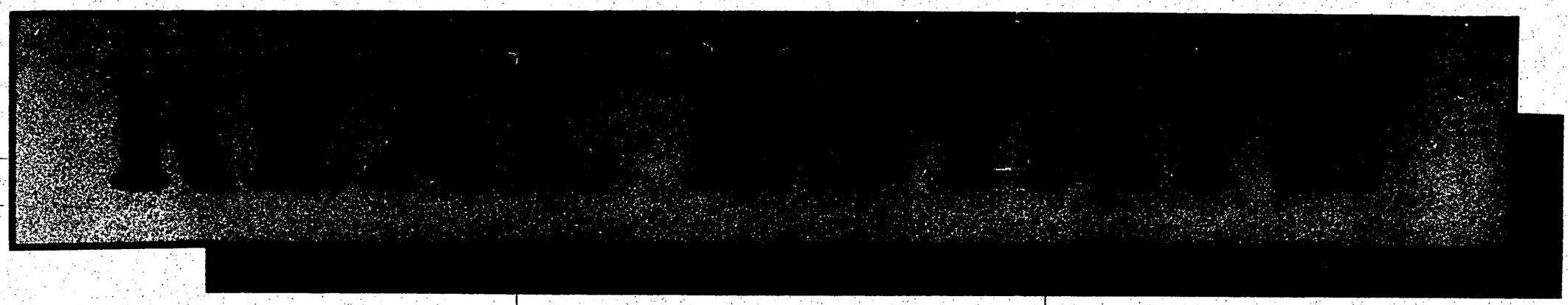

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$319,900 1st ad! Delightfully decorated in gray & white, large family rm, huge master bdrm. Leah Gorlicky 736-1100.

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$259,900. 4 bdrm, 3 baths, Hollywood kit, main floor family rm, 19' master bdrm. Al Sidofsky 736-1100.

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Exceptional 4 bdrm., mn. flr. fam. & laundry, fin. bsmnt., loaded with goodies! $259,900. Evelyn Pollock, 731-7111.

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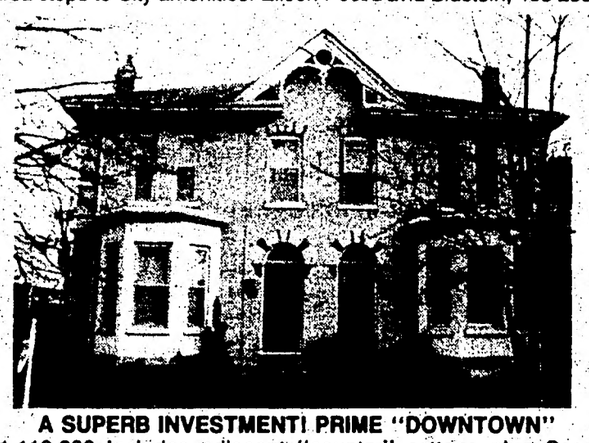

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Shomer Shabbos couple transferred to Toronto seeks reasonable accommodations to rent/purchase. Min. 2 bedrooms, near transit, Bathurst/Lawrence area. For May 1. Will visit Toronto Mar. 22 to 26. Please call collect 204-944-5007 weekdays 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Ruork.

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Bathurst/Clarke Promenade I - luxury 2 bedroom condo, 2 bathrooms, solarium, southern exposure. Possession June/87. 731-3270.

Antibes Drive - luxury 2 bedroom. April 1/87. 635-8379 after 5:00 p.m.

Condo 3 bedroom, 2 baths, laundry room. 130 Neptune Drive. April 1/87. No Shabbos calls. 638-1799.

HSII - 2 bd. $1,350
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Promenade - Several units avail. For info, Ted Waxman, Ungerman Rlty., Rltr., 731-7111.

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- **131 Beecroft - 2 bd. P.H.**
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Century Village, Boca Raton, luxury 1 bedroom condo, furnished, with central air. 491-0993 or 493-6982.

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BATHURST-LAWRENCE
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HOUSES FOR SALE

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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH YORK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: **Monday, March 23, 1987**

TIME: **8:00 p.m.**

LOCATION:
Council Chambers, North York City Hall,
5100 Yonge Street, North York, Ontario

SUBJECT:
Equal Employment Opportunity Programme

Citizens are invited to participate in an evening public hearing on the Equal Employment Opportunity Programme that is proposed for the City of North York.

All interested parties are invited to address Council.

Written submissions on this matter may be addressed to B. MacLeod, City Clerk, and should be received in the City Clerk's Department, 5100 Yonge Street, North York, Ontario M2N 5V7, no later than 12:00 o'clock noon on THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1987.

Persons wishing to address City Council on this matter are requested to telephone Joyce Bryant, Committee Secretary (224-6069) by 12:00 o'clock noon on FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1987 so that a list of speakers can be co-ordinated prior to the meeting.

Copies of the proposed programme are available at the office of the City Clerk.

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